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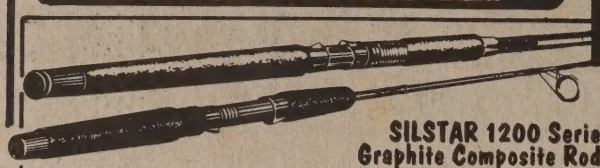

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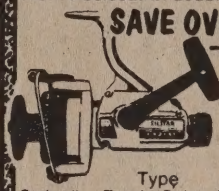

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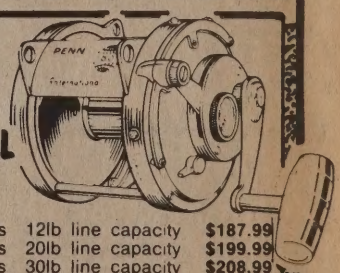

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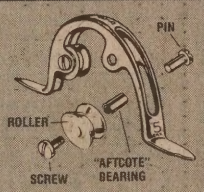

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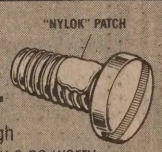

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Safe boating is no accident! With the goal of making pleasure boating an ever safe and more enjoyable recreational activity in the Town of Huntington area, members of Neptune Power Squadron as a community service will be at the Mill Dam public ramp Huntington, 9AM to Noon, Sunday, June 2nd and at the Long Island Lighting public ramp Northport 9AM to Noon, Saturday, June 8, to display and explain necessary basic safe boating equipment, practices and demonstrate fire fighting techniques. Boaters and non-boaters welcome.

MORICHES ANGLERS SHARK TOURNEY

The Eleventh Annual Moriches Anglers Shark Tournament will be held June 15, 1985, Saturday. The rain date will be Sunday, June 16, 1985. Captains meeting will be held on Friday night, June 14, 1985.

Entry fee is $125 per boat.

For more information, call Chet Wilcox at B&B Tackle, 878-9280.

LONG ISLAND BUSINESSES DONATE TICKETS TO BENEFIT FIRE ISLAND LIGHT

Because of the generous sponsorships by Long Island businesses, lucky senior citizens will enjoy, free of charge, the Long Island Jazz Extravaganza featuring Lionel Hampton and his Orchestra, to be held at Huntington High School on Sunday, June 2nd, at 7:30PM.

According to Stephen Sloan, a director of the Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society, among the companies so far participating are Citbank, Chesterfield Associates of Westhampton Beach, Clare Rose of Patchogue, Fire Island Markets, and Swezey's Department Store of Patchogue. Other firms are expected to announce their participation in the near future. Proceeds from the jazz gala, which has the theme of "Light 'n Jazzy," will benefit the lighthouse preservation group as it nears its initial fund raising goal of $1.1 million to help restore and relight the 127-year-old historic Long Island landmark.

"We are grateful to these public-spirited Long Island businesses," commented Mr. Sloan, "for hleping us to achieve two important goals: restoring the Fire Island Lighthouse and providing a wonderful evening of the best in jazz entertainment for many elderly citizens who might otherwise not be able to attend the concert." He added that all the free tickets donated by the businesses would be distributed through the Senior Citizens Councils of Huntington, Babylon, and Islip, and that additional business sponsors and distribution centers are expected.

Ticket prices to the general public begin at $15 and may be obtained by callin g(516) 957)7300. The same number may be used by perspective sponsors or senior citizen organizations interested in taking part in the "gratis" admission program.

MERRICK ROD & GUN CLUB FLOUNDER TRIP

On May 5th, the Merrick Rod & Gun Club held its annual flounder trip on the Fishtale out of Captree. Over 40 members and guests participated and enjoyed fine weather and excellent fishing. Largest flounder was caught by the club treasurer, Bob Murphy.

Fishermen interested in joining our Seaford Harbor based club, please contact Bill Richko at (516) 826-7887.

$2 MILLION GRANT AWARDED TO NEW YORK SEA GRANT PROGRAM

To help New Yorkers make better and wiser use of their coastal resources in 1985, the New York Sea Gant Institute will receive a grant of $2,058,000 from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for its annual program. New York Sea Grant is a cooperative effort of the State University of New York and Cornell University.

According to the Institute director, Don Squires, Ph.D., the annual grant, which is matched with state, community and university funds, will enable the Institute to carry out its statewide program in marine and Great Lakes research, education, training and advisory services. The 1985 grant is a 2.5% increase over 1984's award.

Senator Alphonse D'Amato (R-NY), upon notification of the grant, said "Sea Grant projects generated by this grant have the potential to enhance economic development in the State, while serving our coastal communities and helping to solve problems for related industries in New York and the nation."

Many new and continued Sea Grant projects for 1985 are in the following areas:

- Sport fishery development in the Great Lakes region.
- Expansion of aquaculture industry (controlled growing of seafoods—aquatic animals and plants) and aquaculture research in NY state.
- Research and extension services in seafood science.
- Marine biotechnology (applying new technologies in genetics, microbiology, chemistry and engineering to the production of marine products),

i.e., for production of seaweeds as energy source of pharmaceutical use.

• Sponsorship of Sea Grant professorship at SUNY Agricultural and Technical College at Farmingdale in engineering studies related to marine trades.

In addition, in collaboration with Cooperative Extension, Sea Grant extension specialists, located in nine coastal offices in the state, help coastal users, businesses and industry to be aware of new ideas and technologies and to make better decisions on coastal matters.

The Sea Grant Institute—part of a network of Sea Grant programs in 29 states—is a unique non-profit organization with the capability to tap university resources to convert ideas into action. Working with other groups, industry, local and state agencies, Sea Grant's projects are funded, planned and directed cooperatively.

EDELMAN'S '85 OPEN TOURNAMENT

Edelman's in Farmingdale announces its 1985 Open Tournament, to be held Saturday, July 13, 1985. $36,000 in cash prizes are planned, plus thousands in prizes. There are 8 eligible species and 24 chances to win. Largest fish wins free trip for 2 to Nassau, Bahamas. Boats to leave via Fire Island Inlet or Jones Inlet. Bonus of $500 for largest fish caught on Sigma Mono; IGFA rules apply. Cash fish categories are $2000; $1500 and $1000 per species. Entry fee is $175 per boat. Captains' meeting Thursday night at 8PM on July 11th at Edelman's, 75 Sherwood Ave., Farmingdale. For details call Frank Pristera at Edelman's, (516) 249-8080.

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK EXPO AT KINGS PLAZA MALL

For most of us who enjoy our nation's vast waterways, the summer will bring fun and relaxation. But unfortunately, for too many families, this season will be marred by the tragedy of a boating accident. Then, add to the human tragedy the fact that almost all boating accidents can be prevented, and the tragedy deepens.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the U.S. Coast Guard, the American Red Cross and the U.S. Power Squadrons believe education is the key to preventing these accidents, and Division XI USCG Auxiliary, the U.S. Coast Guard, Brooklyn Power Squadron, Plum Beach Power Squadron and the American Red Cross will be sponsoring a gala Safe Boating Extravaganza on Saturday, June 1st, from 10AM to 6PM at Brooklyn's Kings Plaza Shopping Mall (Flatbush Ave. at Avenue U.).

The Boating Show will highlight this year's theme "Think Before You Drink... Smart Skippers Stay Sober!"

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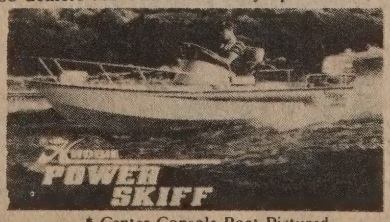

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Meister Brau, the new popular priced beer brewed by Miller Brewing Company, has joined Mako Marine Boats, Sabre Rods, Rose York Associates and DuPont Quallofil as a sponsor of the $50,000 plus Harbor Festival Fishing Rodeo. Meister Brau will be specifically sponsoring the Party Boat Division, to be contested from June 27-30, which features both cash and merchandise prizes for bluefish, fluke, weakfish, sea bass and blackfish. Party boats sailing from ports utilizing inlets from Fire Island, New York to Manasquan, New Jersey are eligible as are those from the City Island area. The Meister Brau Party Boat Division is free to all anglers fishing aboard participating boats.

Look for Harbor Festival signs aboard your favorite boats or listen to commercials on WABC Talkradio 77 AM for information after all the boats are signed up on June 15th. Large charter boats (those licensed to carry more than 6 passengers) are also eligible in this division. Anglers contemplating such charters should be sure that their captains have entered the Meister Brau Party Boat Division.

Individual anglers are automatically entered when they fish on participating boats and aren't required to fill out any forms until they weigh in a potential prize winner.

The Meister Brau Party Boat Division is one of three divisions of the Harbor Festival Fishing Rodeo. Private and rental boats of all sizes, plus six-man charter boats can enter either the Inshore or Offshore Divisions, which run from June 29 to 30 and involve entry contributions of $30 and $100 respectiely. Entry blanks are available at any area tackle shops and marinas or can be obtained from the Harbor Festival Foundation, 1120 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 1410, New York, NY 10036.

LOWER BAY ANGLERS AND VALUE FARE CAR SERVICE TAKING KIDS FISHING

For the sixth consecutive year 100 children between the ages of 8 and 14 will spend a day fishing off of the 69th Street Pier. Parents or guardians are welcome to come and sit on the dock of the bay to make it a family outing. According to Marty Gazzani, who is organizing the outing, the children will be chaperoned by members of a Bay Ridge fishing club formally organized as the Lower Bay Anglers. The 15-member organization maintains some of the best fishermen in the area. These fishermen will supervise and share their experiences and know-how with the kids by giving talks and demonstrations about the sport.

The fishing day is Saturday, June 1st from 8AM to 1PM. It will take place on the 69th Street Pier (at Shore Road and Bay Ridge Avenue), an area which generally provides flounder, blackfish, fluke, eels, bluefish and striped bass.

Registration for the fishing day is necessary. The first 100 children from 8 to 14 years of age who are registered will be participants. Registration must be done by a parent or guardian, by signing a release form available at Value Fare Car Service, 377 Bay Ridge Avenue (corner of Fourth Aven). Registration began on May 23rd and continues through May 31st.

On the day of the outing a safety pinned tag identifying registrants will be given to each child. The tag will entitle him/her to a free bologna sandwich, soda, potato chips, cupcakes, hook, line, sinker and bait. Tackle may be kept by children. Children who have rods and reels are encouraged to bring them. Those who do not have the equipment will be supplied with a drop-line wrapped around a soda can. Prizes will be awarded for the three biggest fish caught by the participants. This year first prize is a rod and reel donated by Cosentino Fish Market, 6927 Third

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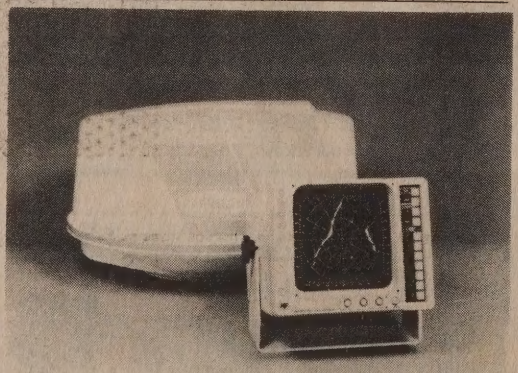

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The week of June 2nd through June 8th will be designated Safe Boating Week '85. Highlighting public awareness will be a program of opening day activities on June 2nd.

Wantagh Park will host the local "Opening Day" in cooperation with Jones Beach Power Squadron, several other squadrons and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Come and join us for the day!

The Squadrons and Coast Guard Auxiliary will have booths set up for information. Bring your boat down. Arrangements can be made through the Park Director, Lenny Epstein, 785-7777.

MUNDUS ON SHARK FISHING IN HAWAII

In 1951, when we first started shark fishing here at Montauk, everybody thought we were crazy. They said nobody would want to go out fishing for sharks. Well, it took a lot of years and one movie to prove all the so-called experts wrong. Now we're going through the same thing in Kona, Hawaii. The only difference in the time lapse is that now the public knows how much fun it is to catch sharks.

In February of 1984, a friend of mine who went to Kona, Hawaii five years ago and never came back, called me on the phone to come visit him. I went down and found 1951 all over again: there were sharks to be caught but no boats would fish them. I came home mad and disgusted, but with the challenge of the old pioneer days again.

I went back down in December of 1984 and spent the month there. I found a 45' boat with a large cockpit to work with. The owner said he would like to do something different but said sharks with a question mark at the end. The month of December was spent mostly getting the boat rigged out the way I wanted it for the overnight trips. We did get to go out a few times shark fishing and had s sharks every time.

I cam back for the New York Boat Show and, standing in the Penn Reel booth, told everybody about Kona, Hawaii. I knew it was too late for that winter because people have to plan ahead.

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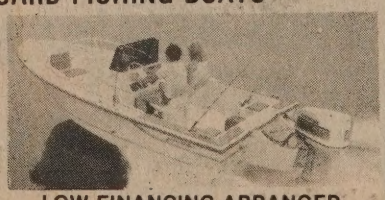

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GOOD FISHING CLOSE TO NEW YORK CITY

Northeast Sportsman's Press announces the publication of "Good Fishing Close to New York City: A guide to the Great Close-To-Home Angling of the Metropolitan Region." The publisher describes it as the first in a series of five comprehensive guidebooks on fishing in the Empire State.

The author is Jim Capossela, a 10-year professional writer who has scribed four outdoor books and has contributed to Field & Stream, Outdoor Life, Sports Afield and many other magazines.

This book covers Westchester, Putnam, Rockland and Orange Counties, the Hudson River, Western Long Island Sound, Long Island and around the five boroughs. Through its 244 pages, it makes it evident that despite the great population—some 11 million people live here—there is some really exceptional fishing, both fresh and salt water. The fresh water coverage is very detailed. It includes the most complete treatise in print of the bountiful New York City reservoirs and streams. There are also special chapters for families (park fishing) and kids (pond fishing), plus two chapters on the surprising fresh water angling on Long Island. The book surveys all local salt waters, and here the emphasis is on shore access. Five detailed maps pinpoint nearly 150 locations. Covered are the Sound, Long Island's north and south shores, Staten Island—Brookly and the Bight, and Montauk Point. The reference section includes a complete fresh-water fish stocking report, sources of maps, a summary of the area's main saltwater ports and a very detailed statistic chart of the Croton Watershed reservoirs.

"Good Fishing Close to New York City" features a color cover, and inside there are more than 100 black and white photos, charts, rigs, timetables and interesting little sidebars. Included are several lake and reservoir contour maps. The book is available in many local book stores and tackle shops or direct from the publisher: Northeast Sportsman's Press, Box 188, Tarrytown, NY 10591; $15.95 cloth; $9.95 softcover. Add $1 postage.

CONGRESSMAN NORMAN LENT ON WETLANDS

Preservation of our Nation's wetlands is an issue of special interest to Long Islanders. Long Island's many acres of coastal wetlands are the home of numerous species of wildlife and waterfowl. In addition, important recreational and commercial species of fish and shellfish depend on coastal marshes for at least part of their life cycle.

Wetlands have other, perhaps even more valuable functions. They slow the flow of water by storing flood peaks and releasing the stored water into the ground and streams during low-flow periods.

Wetlands also have the capacity to trap, filter, and decompose some toxic materials, as well as silt and organics. Natural nutrients can then be recycled into the environment. Scientific studies have documented the effective use of wetlands and estuaries as nature's replacement for expensive waste treatment facilities for municipal wastewater. Some economists estimate that wetlands contribute upwards of $20 billion per year to the economy through many practical uses.

Recently, the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee approved HR 1203, the Emergency Wetlands Resources Act. This bill would take

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significant steps towards improving and protecting the natural quality of existing wetlands. HR 1203 would provide needed funding for wetlands acquisition and establish a grant program to assist states with federally approved wetlands conservation projects. A share of the funding would be provided through a graduated increase in the price of the Duck Stamp and by establishing admissions fees at certain National Wildlife Refuges.

As Ranking Minority Member on the Committee, I supported HR 1203 as an effective federal-state effort to protect and preserve our nation's valuable wetlands and estuaries. You can be assured that I will be working to ensure passage in the House and Senate as well.

WHAT'S BIG ABOUT FISHING?

Fishing is fun, that's why about 60 million fishermen will be on the water this season. According to governmental statisticians and the American Fishing Tackle Association, nearly 45 million adults (over 16 years old) and about 15 million youngsters fish.

These numbers compare favorably to other participatory sports.

Swimming, 103 million; bicycling, 72 million; bowling, 40 million; jogging, 35 million; softball, 28 million; tennis, 25 million; golf, 17 million, and sailing, 10 million.

Fishing is big when it comes to money spent on the sport also, according to the fishing experts at Mercury Outboards. Last year, about $17 billion was spent by fishermen for lodging, food, transportation, equipment, licenses, clothing, etc., and fishermen paid $500 million for licenses.

IGFA COMMISSIONS NEW DESIGN OF WORLD RECORD AWARD CERTIFICATES

The International Game Fish Association governing body of all record fish caught worldwide has commissioned John Gerbino Advertising, Inc., of Fort Lauderdale to design and produce its series of awards certificates.

The new award, designed by Alan Kieffer, of the Gerbino Advertising Agency won an Award of Distinction from the Advertising Federation of Fort Lauderdale and a Distinctive Graphics Design Award from the Strathmore Paper Company of Westfield, Massachusetts, in recognition of its overall excellence.

Focus of the design feature is the ensemble of striking reflective foil embossed fish, representing specific categories of world record and noteworthy catches. The certificates are silver for World Records, Gold for the 1,000 lb. Club, Bronze for 20 to 1, Aqua for 15 to 1, Rose for 5 to 1 certificate categories. (Numbers represent ratio of fish weight to wet test strength of line.)

The International Game Fish Association has its world headquarters in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

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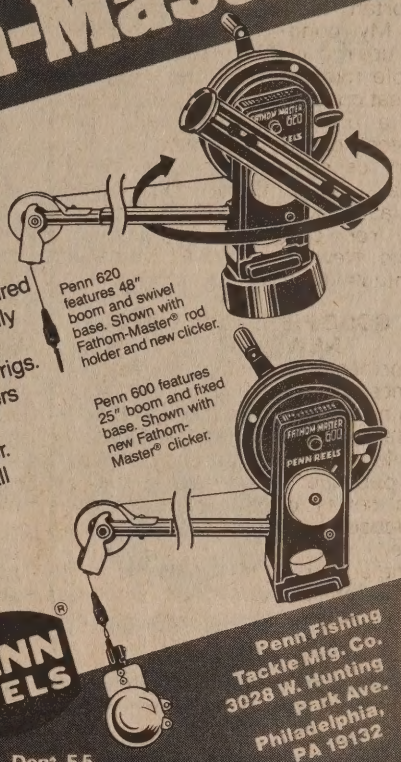

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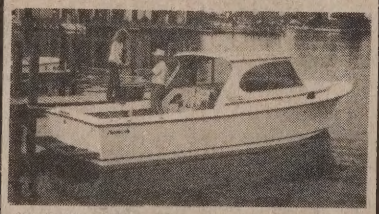

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

I've got a serious problem and do not know how to solve it. I do a lot of fishing and always use a spinning reel with 10, 12 or 14 lb. test monofilament line. I keep the reels filled to capacity and change the line on every reel at least once a season. Trouble is, I still keep breaking the line no matter what I do to keep it in good condition.

Twisting is a problem also, but most of the time the twisting does not interefere with my casting distance or the ability to fight a hooked fish. I have noticed a lot of powdery material on the reel spool and on the line itself. Can this be the reason for my line breaking? As you have suggested in past articles, I use only premium monofilament fishing lines for both fresh and salt water use.

Edward Harris.

Dear Ed,

The breakage can be caused by several reasons. Are your rod guides in good shape? By good shape we mean are they grooved from line cutting. Are they cracked, bent or even broken near the posts? Quite often a guide is stepped on by another angler who is not even aware he (or she) has caused damage. And the damage is not evident until a big fish takes line from a tightly set drag and as the line passes through the guide under extreme pressure, it cuts itself in the grooves or hangs up in a twisted guide and then cuts.

I'd first check the guides for damage. If there is nothing visible, try passing a nylon stocking through the guide and see if it catches or tears on a miniscule nick or groove.

If the guides are in decent condition, your problem may be caused by excessive casting. This, too, is a common occurrence and is easily remedied. Try cutting off about 10 to 15 feet of line after each fishing trip or maybe go as far as to cut off some line after each three or four hours of casting. The last few feet of line usually gets the bulk of the stress when casting or even when a fish is fighting for its life. As a rule, this is where your line will fail from excessive wear or abrasion from continuous casting.

Finally, line twist is caused when you turn the reel handle and the line does not respond. Fighting a big fish with a loose drag will cause excessive line twist. Trying to retrieve line when the hook is snagged will also create a twist in the line, and as the twisting increases, it weakens the line and causes it to become unmanageable.

Next time you hook a big fish, let him run and take line, but don't keep cranking the handle when line is flowing off the spool. And, if you should hook a snag and the line won't come, do not keep cranking the reel handle, for each turn of the handle will cause at least one twist of the line. In time, the line will have so many twists that the only way to remove them is to drag the line behind the boat (with no lure or sinker attached) until the twist clears itself.

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Dear Doc,

I have a question to ask that may not seem like much of a problem to you, but to me it is a most frustrating thing and I would like to know how to resolve it without going through a great deal of expense. I have a pair of old Garcia trolling rods that have roller guides. I believe they are about 20 years old because both are set up with wooden butts.

My problem is the roller guides. No matter what I do the rollers do not turn freely when pressure is applied to the line. I presently have both reels (these are 6/0 conventional type reels, not the lever drag models) and the rods are classed as 50 lb. big game models.

When I mount the reels on a regular style rod, the line flows through the guides without a hitch but once I rig up the roller guide outfits my problem returns. It is maddening and I want to fix it before the upcoming offshore trolling and shark season starts.

John Richards.

Dear John,

We checked with the people at Aftco Guide Company and they say the best way to keep roller guides operational is to rinse them with freshwater after each use and to then give each guide a light spray of a lubricant such as WD-40. Your guides may have some corrosion build-up and to get them back into working condition you will have to disassemble each roller guide, soak the parts in a lubricating solution and then scrub them clean until all signs of corrosion are gone. Next, re-assemble the guides and give each a shot of WD-40 to keep them working smoothly.

I would also check those rods. Occasionally wooden butts will suffer the effects of age. Rotting is often noticeable in wooden butts that have not gotten constant care through the years and when you do succeed in hooking a bragging size fish the butts could break. If this is your situation, I suggest you visit one of your local tackle shops or one of the custom rod builders to see if the wooden butts can be replaced with newer aluminum butts which do not rot or weaken with age.

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Dear Doc,

I do quite a bit of surf and jetty fishing and most of the time I use swimming plugs like the Rebel, Red-Fin, Bomber or Hellcat. I am not a total novice, but am relatively new to surf and jetty and have noticed some of the plugs I have do not swim correctly.

The problem is, some models, not just one company, do not swim directly toward me when I retrieve them. A couple swim off to the left and do not have that slow wriggle that makes these lures so productive for bass, blues or weakfish. Why do some plugs swim on a true course and others veer off to right or left? They all look alike to me, but there is definitely something wrong somewhere.

Jack Stone.

Dear Jack,

It is a very aggravating situation, isn't it? When the plugs don't look right to you, it is obvious they are not going to produce many fish. Many of today's plastic wonders are manufactured with a small loop at the nose which is used to attach the fishing line, via a snap, loop knot or a snap swivel combo. That little eye often gets bent to left, right or even flattened when the plug strikes a jetty rock.

You can easily resolve the problem by bending the plug eye to right or left, depending on which direction the plug now swims. As an example, if the plug is running to the left as it is retrieved, you simply bend the eye to the left until the plug works the way it is supposed to. If the plug runs to the right, bend the eye in that direction and you should resolve the problem.

We've had plugs straight from the box that did not swim the way we wanted and have corrected the problem by using the technique of bending the eye left, right, up or down and the lure then performs as it should.

Another little trick we've often used with swimming plugs that run too deep is to bend the lip down until it resembles a flat plate. This causes the lure to run higher in the water as it is retrieved. By reversing the angle of the lip you can also cause the plug to dive deeper than it did with the standard angle.

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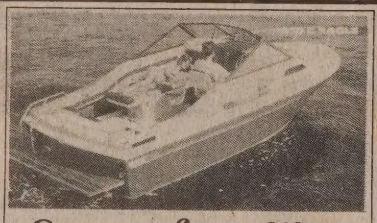

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THE CAPTAIN'S TABLE:

A WAY WITH WEAKS

by Einar "Doc" Grell

When you catch weakfish and cook them, do they taste like wet or soggy mush? If the answer is yes, read on and learn what my French and Indian grandmother knew on how to cook these fine sea trout. I guarantee the taste will improve 100 percent. Try the recipes which follow and let me know how they come out.

Baked Weakfish

Use only 3 to 6 pound weaks for this dish. Remove head after scaling and cleaning. Rub well inside and outside with the following mixture: ½ cup salad oil, 1 teaspoonful salt, 1 tablespoonful lemon or lime juice. Double a large sheet of aluminum foil—large enough for lap-over and crimping. Allow fish to marinate in open foil for at least 1/2 hour. Just before closing and crimping, pour ¼ cup white wine over fish. Crimp edges, place the package on cookie sheet or shallow pan and cook 15 minutes in 350 degree oven. Open top fold and lay back to expose the fish. Place under the broiler for 2 minutes or until lightly browned. Sprinkle with paprika and serve directly from foil container. Allow about 1 pound of whole fish per person. In simple English, a 3 lb. fish will comfortably serve 3 persons unless they are extra hungry. This recipe is delicious and ends the "mushy" problem with weaks.

Fried Trout

The trout alone in this recipe are not the whole show. The trimmings go a long way toward making this dish a conversation piece. Allow about 1/2 pound of fillets per serving and prepare as follows:

Cut the fillets into about 4 inch lengths. Dip in milk, then in flour and fry to a golden brown. Remove from cooking oil, drain and place where they will stay warm.

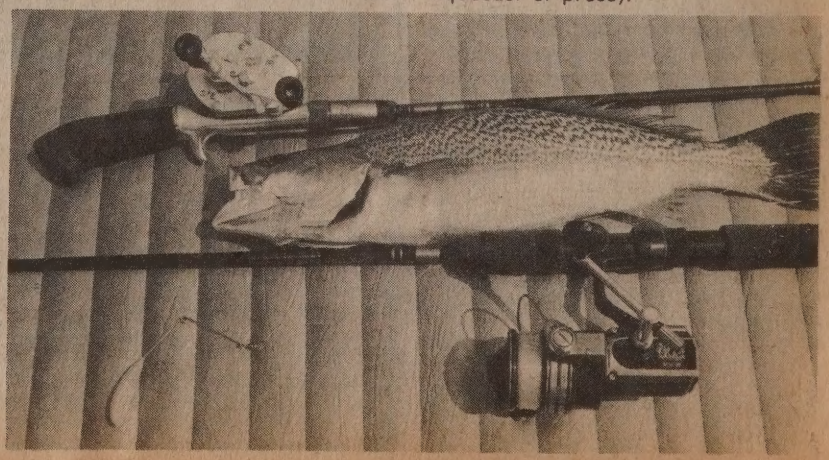
In a separate pan, place the drained contents of one can of artichoke hearts. I allow 2 hearts per serving. You may desire more. For each can of artichokes, make a mixture of: ½ cup butter, juice of ¼ lemon, 1 tablespoon of blue cheese and ½ teaspoon of paprika. Mash all four ingredients together and pour into separate pan over low fire. When melted and melded, pour mixture over artichokes, cover tightly and simmer for three minutes. Place fillets on warm platter, arrange artichokes around edge of platter, sprinkle both artichokes and fish lightly with paprika, garnish with parsley sprigs. Do not allow onlookers to taste while performing the above.

Weakfish Sauce Piquant

First you make a roux! The roux is a prime requisite in making a good sauce piquant. You will also need an iron pot, one that will hold at least 6 quarts of liquid.

The roux: In the pot, melt 6 tablespoons of butter over a low, low fire. Add 6 tablespoons of flour, sprinkled gradually and stirred constantly. When the roux is lightly browned, turn up the flame a little until roux becomes dark brown, then lower the heat.

Saute into the roux 2 cups each of finely chopped green onions and celery (tops of onions, but not celery). Add 2 cups of regular onions (chopped) and 4 buttons of squeezed garlic (everyone should own a garlic squeezer or press).



In a separate skillet, brown 2½ to 3½ pounds of 2 inch weakfish fillets seasoned with ¼ cup butter, 1 teaspoon paprika, juice of ½ lemon and ¼ teaspoon salt. Leave fillets in skillet, but turn off the heat.

To the seasoned roux in the other skillet, add two 15 oz. cans of tomatoes and two 8 oz. cans of tomato sauce. Cook slightly above simmer for 10 minutes, then add 2 cups of boiling water. Season the mixture with 1 tablespoon salt, 1 tablespoon MSG or Accent, 1 teaspoon black pepper, 3 bay leaves, 1 tablespoon Worcestershore Sauce, 1 teaspoon Tabasco, a dash of Angostura, 2 tablespoons sugar and 2 teaspoons lemon juice.

Cover and cook over low fire for 45 minutes, stirring occasionally. Lower the fire still more to simmer and cook for an hour longer with lid removed. This is done to allow mixture to thicken. Ten minutes before serving, add two 6 oz. cans of chopped mushrooms (drained) and a cup of either burgundy or claret wine. Place fillets in bottom of serving bowl and cover with mixture. Garlic French bread makes a fine companion for this dish. There is no question that this fish takes time to put together, but the net result is some mighty fine weakfish eating.

Weakfish Amandine Fillets

Season 6 or 7 large weakfish fillets with salt, a little pepper. Allow to stand for at least 30 minutes. Dip in sweet milk, then in flour and saute until golden brown on both sides.

Drain off the cooking oil and remove fish to large hot platter. In the pan melt 1/2 cup butter. Add 1/2 cut blanced almonds and cook over medium flame until almonds are brown. Pour mixture over weakfish fillets. Garnish with parsley sprigs and serve.

Stuffed Sea Trout Fillets

Large fillets are necessary for this dish. The weakfish used should weigh at least 2½ to 4 lbs. Cut a pocket in each fillet much as you would a flounder for stuffing. Melt 4 tablespoons of butter in skillet. Add four finely cubed strips of bacon and cook until bacon turns slightly brown but not dark, stirring constantly. Next add 1/4 cup of finely chopped onions (grated onion is better). Next add 1/4 cup of finely chopped celery leaves (not the stalk) and cook over a medium flame for about 6 minutes. Keep stirring. Mix in 2 cups of seasoned bread crumbs after mixture has cooled somewhat, then add 4 well beaten eggs. Season with salt, black pepper plus a dash of nutmeg. Next add 1/4 cup each of finely chopped shrimp and crab meat. Allow mixture to cool, then stuff pockets of fillets. Place under a broiler, 8 inches from flame, with dab of butter on each fillet top. Allow to broil for about 4 minutes, then drain liquid and pour over fillets again. Place under broiler and broil for 4 minutes more or until fillets turn golden brown.

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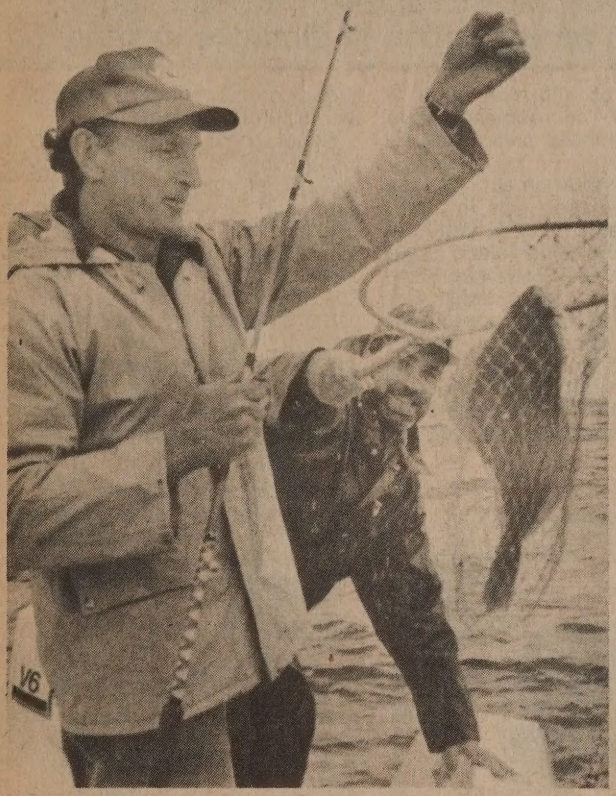

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THE LONGEST CAST

by Dick Mermon

The recently concluded Stren Longcast Tourney provided some spirited competition along with an education in distance casting.

"Heavin' Harry Bonner" did it again with a 530 foot cast, but this time not for any piscatorial creature. The fish was a $500 cash prize put up by DuPont Stren fishing line at the regional Longcasting Tournament and was sufficient to outdistance three other competitors for first place.

The four contestants who qualified from a previous match, were eligible to compete for the cash prizes, along with a bonus of additional merchandise from Normark and Coleman, to mention a few. In order to be accepted into this event, only casters from the first meet who were able to toss a mighty heave of 450 feet with a rubber coated tournament plug weighing 5¼ ounces could participate.

This cast-off tournament, to see who would go to the finals in June, was held on May 11, 1985, with the cooperation of the Long Island State Park Commission, at Bethpage State Park. The park's polo field was marked off in 100 foot ranges, with boundary lines on both sides. Should a caster make a hurl of 600 feet or more, but land outside the boundaries of the sidelines, the cast would be void. Not only does distance count in such a contest, but casts must be kept within the boundaries.

Regulations permitted each contestant several practice casts prior to the official starting. If desired, new line could be spooled onto the participant's reel, then cast as far as possible and wound back, pulling as much stretch from the monofilament line as is feasible. When all four competitors were ready, they mounted the starting line. Overstep this marker while in the act of casting would disqualify that particular heave. There were to be three casts by each competitor, of which the longest was to be

Longcast Tournament winners from left to right: Tom Kehlenbach—fourth place; Ken Kasan—third place; Alfred Mathews—second place; Ken Lauer—Tournament Director, and Harry Bonner—First Place.

entered as the official measurement. Any breakoff, backlash, or malfunction eliminates that cast from being registered.

After each participant "went for the distance," measurement of the cast was recorded by the official judges—Kathy Lauer, Fred Golofaro of The Fisherman, and myself.

The rods employed for this type of contest are not your standard surf sticks. Reels used were both spinning and conventional. However, reels used for this competition cannot contain any highly machined gears or inner parts, although exterior cosmetics may be applied or removed. For instance, one of the activist's utilized a freshwater baitcasting reel with its top support bar removed, but never altered the inside mechanics. Rods, on the other hand, have to be manipulated to suit the individual caster and are usually 12 feet in length. Their fast taper, which has been around for a good many years, is now fast becoming popular once again by fishermen. Distance casting techniques require a very fast taper blank, not parabolic. Strength is lost in a slow designed shaft where it bends all the way to the butt. A "fast" or "omni" taper is one that is stiff and powerful for three quarters of the shaft, supporting a reasonable limp tip section, capable of handling 5 or 6 ounce weights with ease. A blank of this mode offers two distinct functions: the base hefts the weight airborne, while the pliable but strong tapered tip propels the weight similar to the action of an arrow from a bow.

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After all competition ceased, Ken Lauer, who officiated the Stren Longcasting Tournament, announced Harry Bonner, of Huntington Station, NY, the winner. He will go on to compete in Arizona for honors as national champion in June. Alfred Matthews, of Brooklyn, NY was a close second with a toss of 524 feet; Ken Kasan, from Great Neck, NY, had taken third place with a 476 foot toss while Tom Kehlenbach, of Patchogue, NY, registered fourth.

Anyone assuming that 450 feet is a mere "drop in the ol' bucket" heave and would like to compete in one of these heaving tourneys should keep an eye out for more information about Longcasting Tournaments. There is word about a surfcasting type competition with working class tackle qualifications of less magnitude. This information will be published by The Fishermen when it becomes available. In the meantime, Harry's cast netted him slightly more than ninety-four cents per running foot. Not a bad day's pay for tossing a piece of lead!

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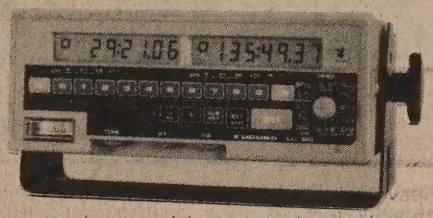

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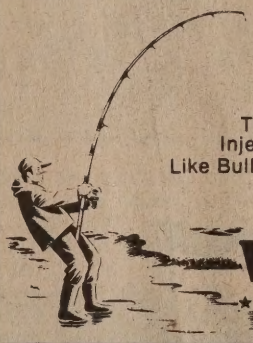

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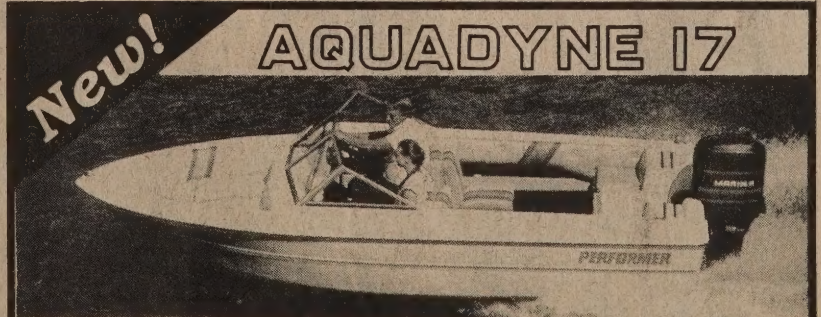

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THE R.P. REASOR

by John Raguso

The tanker R.P. Reasor was making her way north along the Jersey Coast, bound for Fall River, Massachusetts with her belly tanks carrying a full load of fuel oil. She had departed from Baytown, Texas eight days before in the Gulf of Mexico where she had taken on her cargo. The chill of this late February morning caused the lights of the Jersey shoreline to flicker and shimmer without rhythm just below the horizon line, providing a stark contrast to the more tropical climate of the Texas Gulf area which the Reasor had left in her wake just a few days earlier. It was about 12:30 AM the morning of February 27, 1942 when John K. Forsdal, the watch officer, spotted some lights up ahead that he knew must belong to another vessel, probably a fishing boat setting out some lines for cod or pollock. As a precautionary action, he gave the bridge a "two bells" signal, indicating to the helmsman that a vessel had been spotted two points off the port bow. He passed it off as a routine sighting and continued to peer into the inky blackness for signs of any other ships navigating in nearby waters.

Suddenly, Forsdal was thrown down to the deck as the first of two Axis torpedoes jolted the Reasor and seemed to lift the entire boat out of the water. A second "tin fish" slammed into her side seconds later, and was quickly followed by two internal explosions that ruptured her storage tanks and caused the fuel oil to spill unabated into the surrounding water. Forsdale now understood that the "fishing boat" was actually a dreaded German U-boat that had flashed her running lights as a decoy and baited the Reasor to turn away to starboard and set herself up for a clear torpedo shot at her exposed and vulnerable bow.

Within moments, the doomed vessel was ablaze from stem to stern and the fire had spread to an area of ocean that ringed the ship in its fatal grip. The Reasor's crew members scrambled topsides in various stages of dress and struggled to find an opening in the inferno so that they could either launch a lifeboat, raft or merely jump overboard, just to put some distance between themselves and the cauldron. Thirty-seven crew members piled into a lifeboat meant for half that many—they were never seen again. The watch officer recovered enough to dive through a break in the flames into the Atlantic's

The waters above the Reasor are prime mako territory.

35 degree waters. He was one of the two survivors from a crew which totalled 43. The R.P. Reasor became the 26th vessel sunk since the U-Boat campaign against Allied shipping began on January 13, 1942. A handful of German subs had sunk 20 ships in February alone, 17 of these laden with war-vital oil and the Reasor had the notoriety of being the closest loss to New York harbor. She would lose that distinction quickly as the U-Boat crews became ever bolder in their disdain for U.S. coastal defenses and would venture even closer to sink such ships as the Arundo, Goulandris, Tolten, Gulf Trade, and many others in the months to follow.

As is usually the case during time of war, the enemy tries to use its victories to demoralize both the fighting forces and the populace of their adversary. The Germans were no exception, and they tended to exaggerate the tonnage and frequency of their merchant ship sinkings. Conversely, the Americans intentionally understated those boats that were sunk by U-Boats, at first denying them and then later attributing them to other more natural causes like collisions and/or inclement weather and sea conditions. The U-Boat menace was of such significant proportion that on March 12, 1942, after about 30 ships were sunk in an eight week period, the Secretary of the Navy announced that the Navy would not list the names or types of merchant ships sunk by Axis sea raiders. The order was designed to prevent information of prime military value from reaching the enemy. Up to this point in time, all the sinking of Allied vessels had been given front page coverage in local newspapers with pictures of the boats sinking or burning, their names and destination, tonnage, cargo, interviews with survivors, etc., that was undoubtedly picked up by Fifth Columnists living here and relayed back to the Germany Navy high command. From this date forward, ships falling prey to the enemy in Western Hemisphere waters were identified only as large, medium or small vessels. Frank Knox, the Secretary of the Navy at that time, did not elaborate on the policy, but Navy department officials instructed newspapers, press associations and radio stations interviewing survivors to conform to these restrictions except in the rare instances that the Navy should release the names and other pertinent data of any ships sunk.

The torpedoing of the R.P. Reasor 18 miles due east of Lavallette, New Jersey provided a grim spectacle for early morning coast watchers along the Jersey shore. This 7.451 gross ton tanker owned by the Standard Oil Company did not sink immediately, and flames leaped 200 feet in the air as dawn broke the eastern horizon. As the morning and early afternoon wore on, the blanket of fire turned into a pall of black smoke, as the Reasor drifted southeasterly, driven by a moderate northwest wind. The rising black cloud could be seen for miles and was clearly visible to an increasing number of shore-based viewers. Although the information was sketchy as to when the Reasor finally went down, due to wartime news restrictions, the tanker was reportedly demolished some 15 miles southeast of the position where she was originally attacked late on the 27th, and now rests on the 20 fathom curve that parallels New Jersey's eastern barrier beaches.

In an Associated Press interview conducted at the Manasquan Inlet Coast Guard Station, one of the two fire-scarred, oil-coated survivors described the last moments of the R.P. Reasor. According to John Forsdal, the watch officer, "I saw the running lights on what I thought was a fishing vessel and I gave the bridge two bells, warning that a vessel had been sighted two points off the port bow. I never thought no more about it until the torpedo struck. I was lifted off the deck and I was unconscious for a second or two. When I came to, I saw the whole aft aflame."

He went on to say how he dropped a life raft overboard and followed it into the water, only to discover that the raft had drifted away. He floundered around in the thick oil and finally found the raft with the ship's radio operator hanging onto it. Both were too weak to climb atop the raft immediately, but finally after an almost hysterical struggle in the chill, oily water, they made it.

Then help came in the form of a Coast Guard boat. Forsdal and the radio operator shouted hoarsely for help, and the boat spotted them. Forsdal was unable to hang onto the line thrown to him from the moving boat and he fell into the water. He almost gave up hope again; then somehow, he managed to reach the raft and hang on until the Coast Guardsmen returned to his rescue. Unfortunately, his mate was not so lucky, because in the interim he had vanished, apparently washed off the raft.

Now that we've established the circumstances causing the R.P. Reasor's demise, let's review some of the reasons for this wreck's current popularity. It's proximity to New Jersey's Shark River, Manasquan, Barnegat, Beach Haven and Little

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THE R.P. REASOR
Vital Statistics

Date Sunk: February 27, 1942
Length: Unknown
Beam: Unknown
Weight: 4,620 net ton; 7,451 gross tons
Hull Construction: Steel
Depth of Water: 127 feet
Depth Over Wreck: 60 foot minimum
Bow Attitude: 70 degrees (approximate)
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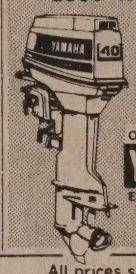

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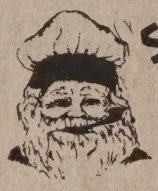

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Egg Inlets makes it a fairly popular stopover either heading out or returning from the offshore grounds. According to an article on the Reasor by Capt. Bob Wallenstein of the charter boat Ridge Runner, this wreck is "Cow Heaven" for codfish, consistently producing the bacala year-round and weather permitting.

He goes on to describe the layout of the wreck and how each piece produces various sizes and quantities of cod. A reprint of this, as well as his recommended search pattern for finding wrecks in general, is available from Capt. Vic Enterprises for the nominal sum of $1.50. For all those readers who have either called The Fisherman or written requesting the mailing address for Capt. Vic's comprehensive N.Y. Bight Inshore/Offshore Wreck Chart, I've included it at the end of this article.

In addition to the fantastic codfishing that the Reasor has to offer, it's also one of the primo early season mako hangouts, as the fish push the mackerel and bluefish schools northward in early June. Some of the season's best and biggest catches come from this locaiton as well as the "Fingers" area a few miles to the south of it. Indeed, when many anglers relate that they've caught makos "at the Reasor," frequently they're describing the general area surrounding it, so don't overlook the fertile 20 fathom curve undulations south of the wreck itself.

As I've mentioned in prior installments to this series, many wrecks situated on the 20 fathom curve are a good bet for tuna and marlin and the Reasor is no exception. From mid-July through late September you can expect to run into schoolie bluefin tuna as well as the occasional yellowfins, when the water temperature is more to their liking in the low 70s. The more common bonito, skipjack and false albacore should be consistent residents throughout the summer into October, as well as bluefish and other species of sharks.

A diver's report filed with the NOAA folks in 1967, describes the hull of the Reasor to be badly torn apart in two sections, covered with a fair amount of sea growth. Additionally, Capt. Vic's article indicates that the bow of this wreck is facing ENE at about a 70 degree heading, while the stern is pointing WSW at approximately 250 degrees.

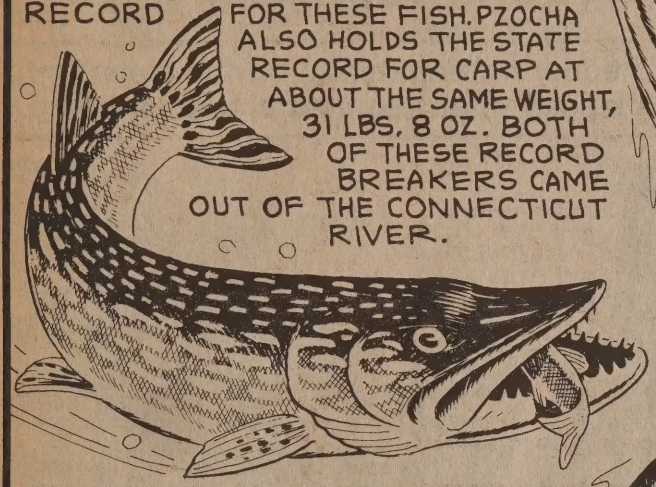
The side box will provide you with a few more historical facts as well as the info you'll need to find the Reasor. For all of you who'd like to obtain more info on Capt. Vic Galgano's N.Y. Bight Chart of 250 wrecks and structure locations, his address and telephone number are: 8 Iris Court, Milltown, NJ 08850, (201) 821-8810.

Next week, for our eighth wreck installment, we'll head north about 45 nautical miles, deep into the New York Bight to review the mystery of the Navy Destroyer DD648 that blew up near Ambrose Lightship: the U.S.S. Turner.

RECORD BREAKERS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

A 31 LB. 1 OZ. NORTHERN PIKE CAUGHT BY ROGER PZOCHA IS THE NEW MASSACHUSETT'S STATE RECORD FOR THESE FISH. PZOCHA ALSO HOLDS THE STATE RECORD FOR CARP AT ABOUT THE SAME WEIGHT, 31 LBS. 8 OZ. BOTH OF THESE RECORD BREAKERS CAME OUT OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER.



A 23 LB. 3 OZ. TIGER MUSKIE TAKEN FROM THE DELAWARE RIVER IS THE NEW JERSEY STATE RECORD FOR THESE HYBRIDS. IT WAS CAUGHT BY RUSSEL J. VACCARO OF TRENTON FISHING FROM SHORE AT TITUSVILLE CASTING A *"SWIM WHIZZ"* LURE DESIGNED AS A YELLOW PERCH.

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DUET IN THE BIGHT

by Capt. Richard Heidecker

Bluefish and tiderunner weaks are frequent companions on the New York Harbor grounds, but culling out the weaks often requires a special touch.

In the process of buying and selling a boat, there always seems to be a period of time when one is boatless. The last episode there was a time lapse of about a year and a half. Every time I would see a boat for sale that was to my liking and within my price range, there either was something very wrong with it or it just had been sold. Whenever a frustrating situation starts getting me down, whether it's not being able to buy a boat or some other problem, I usually have the same solution to the problem: go fishing!

When it comes to fishing, those of us on the west end of Long Island and in Brooklyn are extremely lucky; there are a great number of party boats leaving at different hours of the day—each specializing in their own type of fishing. Usually personality dictates the selection of your type of boat and captain, but some captains are definitely better than others. I have fished on many boats out of both Freeport and Sheepshead Bay (some boats are no longer in existence) and all had excellent captains and crews. I suggest trying a few that are closest to your home and look for a boat that appeals to you. The first time out, you will find out whether the captain and crew are to your liking. This is where personality will come into play. Some captains have a very aggressive attitude, almost insisting that you catch fish while you are on their boats (so what's so bad about that?). It may seem that they are constantly nagging about the proper way to rig, how to present the bait, etc., but if you listen to them, you will probably have excellent results. I feel that it is better to have an aggressive fish catching captain than an indifferent one who does not care whether you catch a fish or a cold. I remember a Freeport captain who came screaming from the bridge at one luckless customer, "For gawd's sake, what the hell are you putting on your hook? Some kind of smorgasbord? The damned fish aren't biting on large bait." Whereupon the captain grabbed the guy's rig, removed the conglomerate of bait from the hook and replaced it with the bait that he knew would catch fish. Now, this old guy was so annoyed and embarrassed he didn't know what to do. I remember him saying something to this effect, "I've been fishing for forty years and have caught lots of fish with bait like that."

Remember, the captain and mates are out almost everyday and know, more or less, what the fish are biting on. However, a little diplomacy would have been better on the captain's part, thereby not embarrassing the customer. Yet, this very same captain has a large following because he is a successful fish-catcher. I have a tendency to be the same way—you get caught up with the fishing spirit even when someone else is fishing. If ever I lose that spirit or feeling, I know I will stop fishing. There was one incident when a group of people chartered my own boat: It started out as a very slow day but when I finally located a large school of fish, about 40 miles from the Inlet, I wanted these fellows to start fishing. Instead, they were engrossed in a hot poker game.

Diamond jig tipped with a jelly worm or Mister Twister tail often provides an edge with weaks.

When I came yelling from the bridge to start fishing, their reply was, "Yeah, after this hand." You can bet I had a few words to say to that group. It's great to start a card game to pass away the time, but when there are fish out there, start fishing! You can always start another game, but you cannot always relocate the fish.

Here I am, drifting away from the subject at hand—open boat blues and weaks. One late May day, my partner Tom and I decided to join Captain Walter Wiegand on the Flamingo. In the past, Walter always had a good track record in catching weakfish, along with blues. Weakfish, to me, are a bundle of fun. They fight well and unlike blues, they require some finesse to put them in the boat.

As we turned the corner at the Lobster House and went a bit further, we saw that the parking lot was quite full. We were then tempted to head towards Sheepshead Bay to look for another boat, but Tom looked at me and said, "Look, this guy is good, isn't he? So let's put up with the crowd and maybe we'll catch a few weaks." We then found enough space on the port side, midship, to squeeze in. As the Flamingo headed towards the Inlet we picked up a few followers; "mosquitoes" they are called. By the time we reached Rockaway Inlet we had five or six small boats following us. This reminded me of a great white shark cruising for food with small pilot fish along for the ride and a free meal.

With the Inlet in sight, everyone became alert. It was almost as if someone flipped a switch. The anticipation of seeing a flock of birds working over a school of fish at the Tin Can Grounds created an electricity that seemed to magnetize everybody. On many past trips with Walter, before he had his new and larger boat, he would locate schools of weaks close to home. I was hoping for a repeat performance of the good old days, but alas, this was going to be one of those days when we would have to work for our fish.

Walter would stop the boat at a few spots and we would catch a few small blues but nothing exciting would happen. Finally, as if he were clued in by some external force, Walter would blow the whistle once and off we would go to some distant ground. After traveling south for nearly two hours, we stopped again. This time everyone hauled small to medium sized blues over the side. The usual method of catching blues on the ocean during the day is to cast out a diamond jig (Ava 27) as far as possible, let it fall to the bottom and then retrieve it as quickly as possible. We had no weaks, but we had lots of action—so, what the heck, 5 to 6 lb. blues make excellent eating. Around two o'clock the whistle blew once, indicating that we were leaving that spot but still not going home. Could it mean that there would be another attempt to catch some weakfish?

We were heading north along the Jersey coast. A little more than an hour later we were abreast of Atlantic Highlands. We headed toward the west where there was a cluster of medium-sized boats. While we were fishing there, I had the feeling that Walter had had a call from one of those boats saying there were weaks in the school. This was my cue to change my style of fishing. Instead of casting out and then quickly retrieving a diamond jig as we had been doing all day, I geared my technique to the weaks. There are two ways to do this type of fishing, depending on which direction your line will go when the boat drifts:

Method 1: If you line goes under he boat when drifting, cast out as far as you possibly can and let your jig drop to the bottom as fast as possible. Then pull up and slack back. When the jig hits the bottom again, pull and drop back. Keep repeating until your line is under the boat; then retrieve (you may catch a blue at this time). Start again, but don't let your line get under the boat or it may get tangled with the lines of the people on the other side of the boat.

Method 2: If your goes away from the boat when drifting, drop your jig to the bottom right at the boat. When your jig hits the bottom, pull and drop back, repeating this until your line is about 100 to 150 feet away from the boat. Then retrieve. The purpose of these actions is to keep the jig in about the same place but bouncing spasmodically off the bottom. For some reason, this jigging is not attractive to blues, but if there are weaks around, you will be guaranteed of catching them in this fashion.

This little trick, known to me but not to Tom, was to make my day. Tom, casting out and then quickly retrieving the jig, started catching blues about the same size as before (5 to 6 lbs.). Since the drift was such that our lines were going under the boat, I would cast my line out about 100 feet, let it drop, pull back and let it drop back again. On the second pull back, I had my first strike! I knew it was a big weak and not a blue just by the way it grabbed the jig. I slackened off on the drag a bit and went to work on the tiderunner. Soon, the beautiful, silvery and speckled form of a weak glistened in the sunlight! I got out the word "gaff!" when the mate gaffed ig and lifted it to the deck. I knew I had the pool, along with one of the best eating fish in the ocean.

Most every time I cast out and repeated this performance, I would get another weakfish. By the time I had decked my third weak, Tom knew something was up. He was paying more attention to my fishing than his own. Working the jigs "slow and deep" meant the difference between catching a weak or a blue.

The next time you find yourself chasing blues aboard an open boat in the Bight, and you suspect there may be some weaks about, go slow and deep and you should be able to add a tiderunner or two to the box.

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LAKE RONKONKOMA'S POST SPAWN BASS

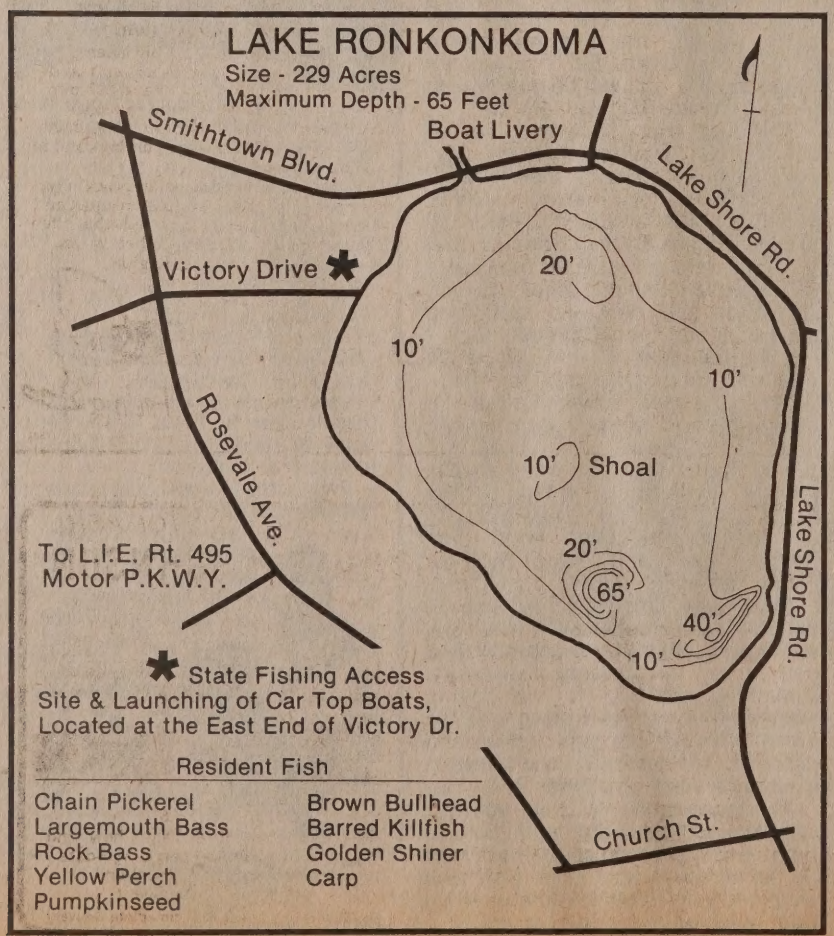
by Tom Schlichter

Already one of Long Island's premier bass lakes, recent surveys provide even more reason for freshwater fans to work these waters.

The month of June is prime time for Lake Ronkonkoma bass enthusiasts and probably the best time of year for anglers unfamiliar with this lake to make its acquaintance. Fresh off their spawning beds, the big mouths are hungry and looking to quickly replenish their depleted reserves. This, combined with ideal temperatures and generally favorable weather seem to put both anglers and fish in a cooperative mood.

For the angler who has never ventured these waters before, June is the ideal time to make that first effort as the fish frequently give away their position in the morning and evening hours by showing on top. In addition, lake use by swimmers, sailboaters and other recreational groups is not as intense as it tends to be in midsummer and the fall. If you still have trouble locating those bass, just carefully watch some of the other anglers out on the water. Any June day should see at least a few anglers working the lake.

With a total surface area of 229 acres and a maximum depth of 65 feet, Ronkonkoma ranks as the largest body of fresh water on the Island. Its resident fish in addition to largemouth bass include chain pickerel, yellow perch, brown bullheads, carp, a variety of panfish and recently stocked tiger muskies which have not as yet matured to legal minimum length requirements of 30 inches.



According to studies made by the Department of Environmental Conservation, the existing bass population in Lake Ronkonkoma is presently out of ecological balance. Before your begin to worry, let me explain that this is actually good news for bass fishermen as long as the condition does not continue for a prolonged period of time. As the DEC 1984 Angler Cooperator Results report indicates, a dominant year class of bass spawned in 1975 has moved through the population and as it has advanced, the Proportional Stock Density (P.S.D. is defined as the ratio of bass over 12 inches to all bass over 8 inches expressed as a percent.), has steadily increased. A balanced population should show a P.S.D. between 40 and 60 percent. Lake Ronkonkoma's P.S.D. for 1984 was 81.6%.

Anyone who fished this lake back in the late 1970s or early 1980s should remember catching quite a few short bass for every keeper they took. Well, it is these same short bass that were once so annoying which have now grown to make up the majority of bass that anglers are catching. As the 1975 dominant year class grew in length, they boosted the P.S.D. from 12.9% in 1978, the first year of the study, to the whopping 81.6% at which it now stands. These fish are now nine years old, over 15 inches in length and they still make up more than one-third of the catchable sized population!

According to Charlie Guthrie, Senior Aquatic Biologist at the DEC office in Stony Brook, as the fish from the 1975 year class exit the population via natural and angler induced mortality, the average lengths of the bass caught and the P.S.D. should begin to decline. This will begin sometime in 1985-86. So the time to cash in on this action is now.

By the way, those bass under 8 inches in length have been well represented over the past four years with no overly strong or weak year classes, so the future of Ronkonkoma's bass fishery appears to be in good shape. But to the fisherman, the words "good shape" equate to roughly one-quarter of bass taken measuring 15 inches or more as

opposed to one-third of the fish now being harvested.

I find shallow water fishing to be the most productive at this time of the year. Look for three to six foot depths, close to shore cover to produce the best scores. There is also a shoal in the southeast section of the lake which is often productive. Frequently, the best bass fishing will occur just outside of the spawning beds which dot some areas of the lake bottom. Be careful to approach these areas quietly and try working minnow type plugs with gold or bright blue finishes. Use varied retrieves.

Spinnerbaits will also produce well. I find them to be more productive when worked in a little deeper water and like to use two tone lures with large blades. Bright colors are best during early June with black and brown taking over toward the latter part of the month. No matter what lures you use, it's advantageous to work large sizes. This is because it will help to eliminate smaller perch and sunnies which tend to be quite aggressive. Using large lures will not decrease your catch on the lake significantly as a 15 inch bass can inhale a pretty good sized plug.

As far as natural baits are concerned, killies reign supreme with night crawlers a poor second. Size #4 or #6 beak style hooks such as those sold by Eagle Claw will do the trick.

Although mornings can be very productive, I've had my best luck fishing here in the evenings. This is especially true when I wade from shore. I find that if I get to the lake by 6:30PM or so, I can work a good deal of the shoreline and then work my way back over the same territory as the evening draws to a close.

Boaters can launch their craft and park their cars at the state access site located at the east end of Victory Drive. Shore access is readily available, however, you must exercise some restraint when parking your car if it is not left in a public lot or state facility. If you need to stock up on bait, lures, etc., or just want the latest information, Pine Grove Outfitters can supply your needs. This tackle shop is located on Smithtown Blvd. on the north side of the lake.

Special regulations apply to the bass fishing on Lake Ronkonkoma. All bass between the length of 11 and 15 inches must be released unharmed. All bass larger or smaller than these measurements may be kept.

Lake Ronkonkoma is not an easy body of water to learn to fish. Its vastness prohibits one from quickly sizing it up and deciding where the best locations should be even before wetting a line. After several years fishing this lake, I still find places I never really gave a good going over and occasionally, a small honey hole. The one certainty that Ronkonkoma does hold, however, is a disproportionately large population of big bass and I can think of few other ecologically unbalanced places where I throw a lure with more confidence.

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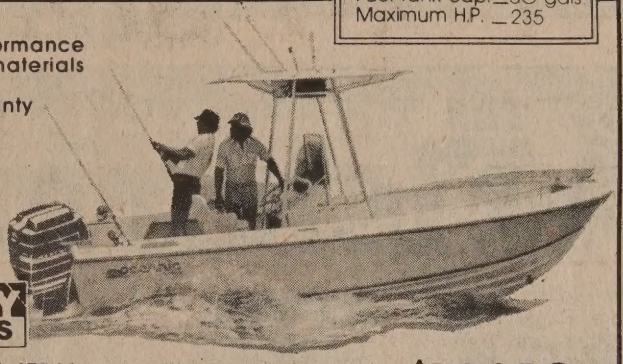

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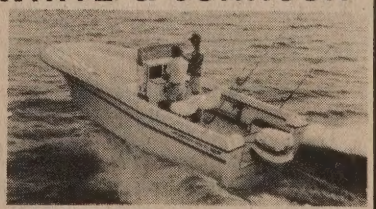

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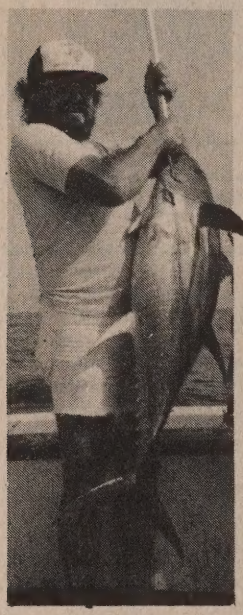

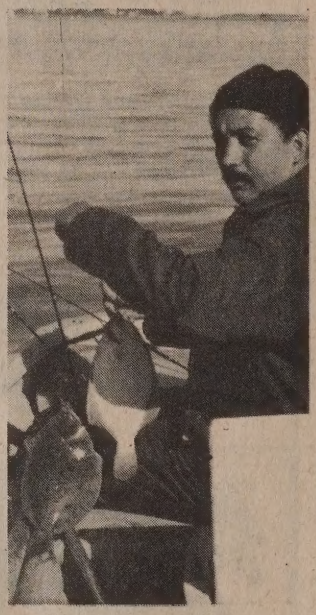

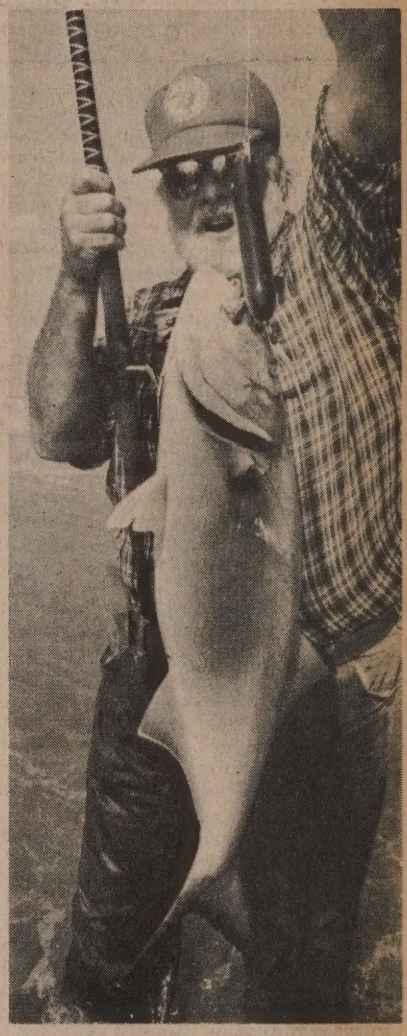

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FLUKING WITH A PRO

by Matt Ahern

The author shares some lessons gleaned from countless seasons spent chasing summer flounder.

As our skiff drifted along the length of Shinnecock Inlet's East Channel, Nick Hauck reached across the center seat, grasped the net and deftly slid it under the exhausted fluke he'd just reeled to the surface. He lifted the fluke aboard, inverted the net, and dumped the fish onto the floorboards.

"This one's a keeper, for sure," he said.

And indeed it was, being a good 18 inches in length.

Nick removed the hook and dropped the fluke into the bucket. "That makes four—not counting the throwbacks. And you didn't want to try it. Shame on you!"

When Nick says "Shame on you!" it isn't a figure of speech. He means every word. And he was right. It was to my shame that I had attempted to talk him out of this particular trip.

But not without good reason.

When Nick had phoned the morning before to make final arrangements for this, our first fluke trip of the year, torrential rains drummed unceasingly against the window panes. All this to the tune of a raging nor'easter which bellowed and boomed from the open sea as if through a colossal funnel. A nasty morning, truly one not fit for man or beast.

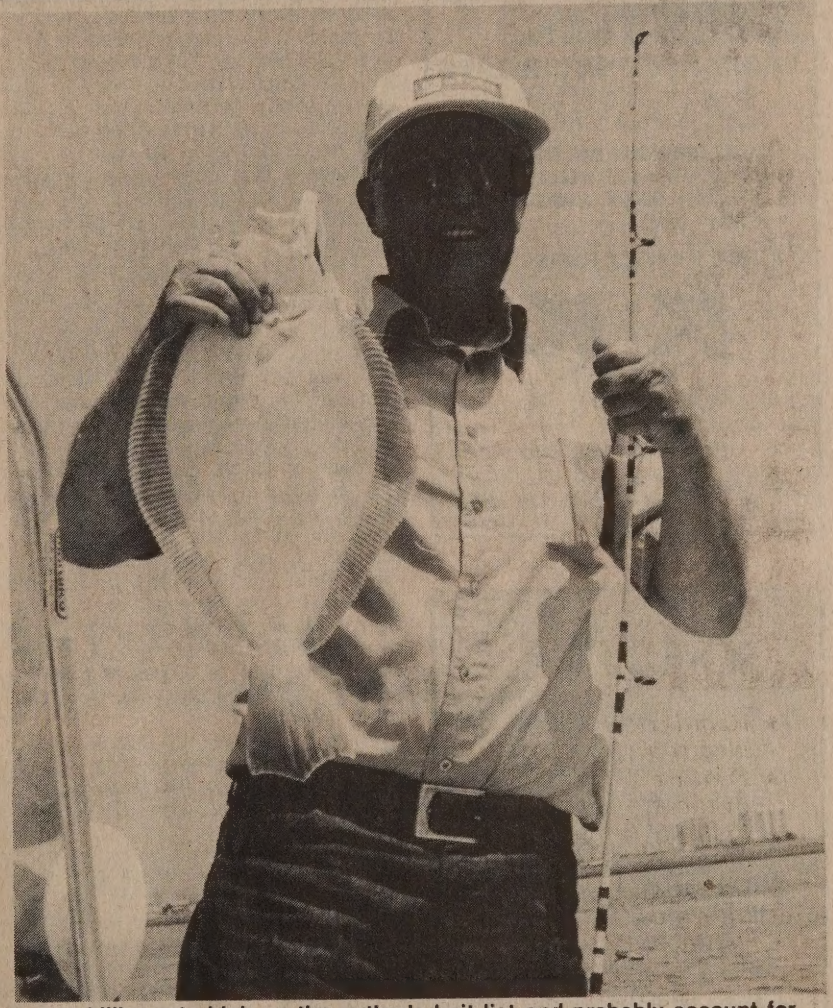
I wanted to cancel the trip, but Nick insisted the next day would be fair, the fishing surprisingly good, and cautioned against my hasty judgment. And because of these assurances, plus the fact that Nick and I have fished together for years—and is one guy who truly knows his fluke fishing—I had half-heartedly agreed to meet him at our usual place.

Now, as I sat there in the skiff attempting to add another fluke to our catch I was glad I did, for just as Nick had predicted, the day was indeed beautiful. A bright sun glittered the inlet's surface, the freshly-washed, rich blue sky adding a fitting background for the vast armada of towering white clouds now inching their way along the line of drift, aided all the while by a soft westerly breeze. It was a day to be alive, to enjoy Nature at her best. And to top it off, the fish were biting—just as Nick said they would.

Again, Nick netted another fluke.

"Never underrate the ability of a nor'easter to improve the fishing," he reminded me as he lifted the fish aboard.

True enough. Certainly until then, the season's fluke fishing had left much to be desired. Not that fluke weren't being caught, but those Shinnecock fluke fanatics whom I knew well had repeatedly told me that the summer's fishing appeared to be a lost cause. And yet local skin divers insisted that the floor of the bay was carpeted with many fluke of all sizes.



Live killies rate high on the author's bait list and probably account for more fluke over a season than any other bait.

This dearth of fluke fishing action at the height of the season is a common occurrence and I know there are many sinker bouncers reading this who have seen commercial draggers returning with loads of fish in the midst of a sport fisherman's famine. All of which convinces me that there are often more fluke available for us fellows than we have been led to believe. Because we're not catching fluke doesn't mean they aren't there.

The only way I know to get around this fact is to use good fluke-catching methods.

I have found that proper bait presentation is the most important thing for fluke fishermen to bear in mind. Never mind how much was spent on your tackle because the latest designs will avail you naught if you lack fish knowledge. Fine tackle will certainly help you to better enjoy yourself, but it won't put fish in your bucket. Knowledge, and knowledge only, does that.

If you doubt this, recall the old-

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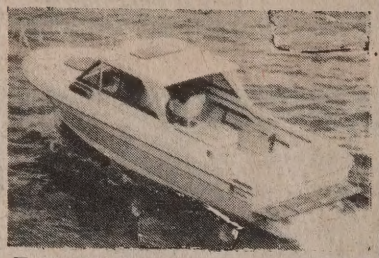

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timer with his 25 cent dropline. What sport fishing tackle can be considered more cruder than that? And yet, a dropline in the hands of an expert will outfish a rod and reel every time. It always did, and always will—but only if the fisherman behind that dropline is steeped in fish knowledge. Now, I'm not advocating that we give up our rods and reels. Perish the thought! To do so is to revert to the "dark ages' of sport fishing.

Fortunately for me, I've fished through the golden age of fluke fishing when a fish was practically assured every time the bait touched bottom and I've also suffered through periods when two fluke was considered a fair catch. I take no credit for this early good fortune, for I just happened to be there at the right time and had nothing to do with it. But because of this I can make comparisons as to fishing methods.

Let's return to the days of superb fluke fishing for a minute or two.

Most all of my fluke fishing at that time was done aboard party boats. And it was accomplished in this manner: drifting, just as today, was the method used. In those days, casting was permitted. The fisherman cast out his eight ounce sinker and killy-baited three foot leader as far as his sidewinder reel allowed. He would jig once or twice, and often without the necessity of waiting for a bite, he would rear back on his od (or dropline), and come up with a fluke. When the fishing was good, it seldom took more than five minutes to do this (sometimes less if the rate of drift was right). Those fellows using droplines simply fished close to the boat. Either way, there was no difficulty filling a butter tub with fluke. (No shorts—rarely saw one.)

Hard to believe? Of course. But I kid you not. For proof, I refer you to any old-time fluke fisherman. If he doesn't tell you the same, I'll rack my rods for good.

Now—that's the way it was on good fluking days in the long-ago. But what was it like on slow days? Oh, yes, we had them too—everything wasn't all beer and skittles. The least amount of fluke I caught on one of those slow days was four. (I won't tell you the largest amount lest you think me a fish-hog.) Okay, then, how did we go about getting fish in the bucket on slow days?

We **experimented**. We experimented with bait combinations and various jigging methods. Unless someone caught a sea robin, our combination bait consisted of a strip of fluke belly—and a **two inch** killy. We might have used a smaller killy at times, or perhaps a larger one, but this was as far as we woud go in the bait department. But when it came to individual jigging methods, we really went to town.

We always believed that fluke were there; never did we consider that our fish had vacated the area. And **this** is what must be done today! Recall what was said about today's skin divers and the amount of fluke they see on our slow days. The fish are there; they just don't feel like feeding. Therefore, it is up to us to change their minds—or at least attempt to.

One of the methods we used in the old days was to vary our jigging. Instead of making two and three foot sweeps of our rods, we slowed them down—sometimes to merely two inches, often with a barely discernible twitching of the rod tip—but always in contrast from the method used on good days.

Why those fluke in the days of plenty decided to play hard to get will never be known, but I'm sure I know the reason for much of the slow fluke fishing we encounter today.

Let's take the fluke fishing conditions that existed in the old days as comparison. In those days there were more fluke available than the food supply could comfortably support. Unless a fluke was on the ball and took advantage of every opportunity to secure food, it went hungry. That's why a fish on every cast was a common occurrence.

Now we switch to our times.

Despite the occasional good seasons and despite the occasional good catches reported in The Fisherman, we all know there are fewer fluke today. Let's not kid ourselves on that. The exceptional seasons and good catches do happen, though. And they will always happen—no one is going to fish the ocean dry. But the average fluke fisherman isn't in on too many of these good catches.

What happens today is that the fluke fisherman goes out there and drifts over areas containing many fish (unknown to him, of course), but the fish don't bite. Why? Simple. Those fish have so much food available, there's little reason for them to show interest in any fisherman's offering—**unless its presentation is intriguing!** Why should they?

Still not convinced this is the reason? Let me ask you something: have you noticed the glut of sand eels these past few years? In the golden days of fluke fishing, it was indeed rare to see so much free-swimming bait in the water. There, I think, lies one of the reasons for today's lackluster fluke fishing. A surplus of food. Nothing else.

Except for those occasional days when Nature plays tricks and disperses the food supply by freak storms, as it did the day before Nick and I fished Shinnecock Inlet, there's no reason for today's fluke to exert themselves enough to wind up in your fish bucket. But you can make them do so, or at least give them a good run for their money.

First of all, think positive. There's much to be said for this attitude. I've always noticed that the fisherman who has confidence in his ability to produce fish stands the best chance of doing so. You can't go out there and convince yourself that if the fish don't bite, that's the way it is. It isn't that way at all! Those fluke feed sometime

during the day. It is up to you to present your bait in such a manner that those fish believe the time to put on the feed bag is **now**. Never lose sight of the fact that fluke are gluttons. If you can play on this, you've got it made.

Forget much of what you've been told about fluke bait. Use your head! If you see multitudes of sand eels hovering in your fishing area, why do you insist upon using them for bait? I enjoy steak as well as the next guy, but if steak is all I've been eating for weeks, I might welcome a lowly hamburger. And so it is with fish—fluke especially.

Of course, the next question is: what bait should I use? Fortunately, there is a wide selection. Although all may not do the trick on any given day, I believe one or two that follow may turn the tide for you.

I don't believe there is a better fluke bait than a lively two inch killy. If you run the hook through the mouth and out the gill cover, the killy will stay alive a good, long time. The secret to using a killy is to fish it **slowly.** Few fluke have been a live killy making two and three foot bounds along the bottom. Fish your killy naturally and I'm certain you'll hit pay dirt.

In the long ago we used to run the hook through the killy's eyes because we did much casting and doing this prevented the bait from snapping off. We never concerned ourselves too much with presenting the bait naturaly. Two and three foot jigs meant nothing because the fluke of those days were always hungry, and, as mentioned, those fish couldn't afford to allow anything resembling food get by.

But today you had best fish that killy slowly. Don't be in a hurry to cover ground. Much of this control will be governed by the rate of drift, but there are phases of the tide when currents slow, and there are areas where these movements are next to nil. These conditions present opportunities to use live killies. Don't overlook them.

Next on my list is a strip of sea robin. You'll find this excellent fluke bait tough, yet supple and difficult to remove from the hook—for both you and the fish. It is not unusual to catch a half dozen fluke with one bait before it becomes too ragged for continued use. I've used sea robin bait over 50 years and have no fault to find.

Sea robin preparation is quick and easy to accomplish. Don't scale. Leaving the scales on each strip makes it highly resistant to clever, bait-stealing fluke. Use gloves when handling sea robins. Those spines are wicked.

Hold the sea robin sideways and make a cut to the backbone just aft of the vent. Slice along backbone to tail and remove the strip. Repeat on opposite side. Then cut each piece in half lengthways. Doing this will give you two light and two dark pieces. Use the dark pieces over known sand bottom; the light ones over mud, etc.

You should jig sea robin strips a little faster than killies. But don't be over-anxious to set the hook. Allow the fluke time to munch (fress we used to call it when we were kids). If you work it right most of your fluke will be jaw-hooked. Those that are deeply hooked are telling you you waited too long to set the hook. But eventually you will learn the precise moment to strike. Don't overlook the use of sea robin strips. They pay off.

I've always been iffy about using squid strips for fluke bait. I know they work, but yet, I'm not excited about them. Local squid is best to use and if you can get this fresh from your local fish market, you'll do better. Some fellows use squid in combination with other baits, but for inshore fishing, I'm from the old school which insists single baits are more productive. Save your combination baits for use around inlets, or in the ocean proper. These conditions, of course, are only my quirks asserting themselves. I'm sure the best way for you is to experiment. Maybe you'll find I'm all wet.

When using fish baits—sea robin, squid, etc.—it is best to use these over sand bottom whenever possible. When fished over mud, these baits pick up sediment. When this occurs, they should be changed. Fluke are rarely enchanted by mud or weed-stained bait.

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DAWN & DUSK RITUAL

by Carl Buxbaum

Surfmen rely heavily on the "magic hours" to provide action with gamefish during the early stages of the season.

If you're going to get in on the action we used to call the spring run, do it now. Based on local experience over the past few seasons, the first cow striper should have just been caught, a few weakfish taken, some small blues should be showing, north shore casters are probably picking away at Hudson strain bass and, if he hasn't done it yet, predictable Tommy Sepp will probably weigh the first Montauk striper at Johnny's Tackle any day.

Successful surfcasting at this time of year relies on working the "magic hours." The "magic hours" refers to the half light period just before the sun peaks over the horizon and its counterpart at dusk, after the sun makes its daily grand finale. Casting through the night doesn't seem rewarding until water temperatures climb a bit. Yes, some good fish will be taken on night tides, but these episodes tend to be scattered and unpredictable—hardly worth the effort, except for the most dedicated surf rats. It's probably best to establish a ritual of hitting convenient beaches for a couple of hours at dawn and at dusk.

When I was a boy, I thought my Uncle Sol's union negotiated a contract with the fish. He talked about fishing at crazy times: when normal people were still in bed or enjoying dinner and reading the evening papers. So, I concluded, the dawn and dusk feeding behavior of fish was arranged for the convenience of the working man. He could try his luck before and after work. Getting older, and under the influence of some stern, icy, sometimes bitter, grade school teachers, my conclusion as amended. All good things, certainly anything that's really fun, have to come the hard way. The joy of catching fish had to be paid for by passing up sleep or a relaxed dinner. Well, with years of fishing, and a number of good teachers providing new understandings of life behind me, I learned that the payoff of the dawn and dusk ritual is based in biology—not magic, negotiated agreement, or some puritanical ethic.

Experience shows that the setting of the sun and pre-dawn light seem to act like switches that put game fish in a feeding mood. Nearly every season I take my first striper under the light at Montauk. The event occurs either the last week of May or the first of June, on a day when the last three hours of a rising tide coincides with sunrise or sunset. Sometimes there's an extra bonus when a school of slammer blues sweeps through before settling into their deep summer residences off Block Island or at the Cartwright Grounds.

In addition to fishing experience, scientists find that predatory fish become most active as it gets dark and remain so for about two hours. Commenting on a recent study of stripers, Chuck Mulford, a fisheries biologist said, "I think the striped bass, like any other predatory fish, move into the shallows to feed at dark as they do at dawn. Then, after satisfying their feeding urge, they move back out."

Why do predatory fish behave this way? Biologists explain it by zeroing in on variations in the adaptive capacity of fish eyes to changes in light intensity. The eyes of game fish, they report, make rapid adjustments. But the eyes of forage fish respond to light changes slowly. Therefore, they are temporarily blinded in darkness as the sun slips below the horizon. By dawn their night vision's in fine shape, but they're blinded by the brightness of first light. To a degree, this experience is shared by humans. So, it's not hard to understand. Predators' eyes begin an early, gradual adaptation, keeping pace with light changes. Capitalizing on this natural advantage, they move into the shallows at sunrise and sunset, slaughtering visually defenseless schools of sand eels, spearing, bunker, and other outclassed victims.

Man, however, is the most efficient of predators—not much doubt about

that. So smart surfcasters, especially in view of poor spring runs, capitalize on their advantage by pounding the beach at dawn and dusk. Blues, weaks and stripers are most likely to be in casting range then. But just being there at the right time is not always enough. The sort of blitzes seen in the fall are not likely to occur now. Even bluefish can get picky, and lure selection is of importance. The choices are not easy to make. Even veteran casters face some dilemmas, when it comes to snapping on a lure. There's no neat, trustworthy formula.

In my experience, it seems that small lures do relatively well at this time of year. Even when big plugs are required for casting into a wind, I seem to take more fish on a tiny dropper, rigged about 18 inches ahead of the plug, than on the plug itself. So, for me at least, one problem is solved. Where possible, use small lures.

Ordinarily tins, poppers, and bucktails are used during the day, and swimming plugs are thought best at night. But when should the changeover be made by a caster working the transitions between day and night? I don't really know. Since it's usually still light, when I hit the beach after work, I start with tins. I try them slow and fast, shallow and on the bottom. If something clicks, I stick with it.

Even after dark I'll stay with tins, if they worked. Only then the ones made of block tin are preferred. Because they are light in weight, a caster can work them slowly without hanging up where the bottom is weedy or rock strewn. You need a slow retrieve at night. Painting these lures white or yellow seems to improve performance in low light situations.

When tins have failed, I've sometimes done all right bouncing bucktails dressed with pork rind or plastic squirm tails, slowly along the bottom, even in rocky zones. But be prepared to lose a few of these lures in such places. Especially during the very last or first glimmers of daylight, bucktails can be lethal. I first learned this method from another fisherman. He was the only one taking weakfish one sunset among a dozen or so other casters working shoulder to shoulder. The approach took me time to master because a feel for the action of the lure and the pick-up of a fish must be cultivated. It's hard to do because even the most brutal predators have a habit of gently sucking in a bucktail as it drops back to the bottom. Similar results can be had with Whiptails, Eelworms, or look-alike offerings. The preferences among surfcasters on this matter seem to vary from beach to beach, according to local tradition.

I haven't witnessed any side by side comparisons that would show the superiority of any particular lead head with consistency. Last season, however, Captain John DeMaio, using a similar lure—the Bait-Tail—in the same Montauk rips where surfcasters stick with plugs through thick and thin and for better or worse, convinced me that there's no better way to get the attention of bottom hugging weaks. That dawn charter aboard the Vivienne produced 25 husky weaks in less than two hours. This happened when the surf was reportedly dead. The next dusk, alone on the beach nearest the same tidal rip, I tested bucktails. Though I snagged a few in the rocks, I also caught weaks and a few short stripers. But I still like using plugs best.

Well, what about plugs? It seems as if predators rise off the bottom when the light is at its lowest level and stick near the surface through darkness. At dawn they seem to head back to the depths, except bluefish. They often crash the beach as the sun peaks over the horizon. So, in the dimmest light or when shrouded in darkness, turn to plugs. In low light, slowly worked poppers, especially pencil poppers, are known to draw some crashing strikes. But I've personally had only limited luck with surface chugging before fall.

Until late August, I've learned to stick with surface and subsurface swimmers, darters, or needlefish plugs during the lowest light and dark periods. The type of plug chosen should be based on wind and tidal conditions as well as required casting distance and the forage present. One thing's fairly certain. As long as there's the slightest glimmer of light in the sky, white or chrome finished plugs will do best, almost every time. On many unsuccessful all night expeditions, I've been able to turn things around by resorting to a white plug at first light. The difference they can make is shocking. One of my biggest bass and my "personal record" weakfish fell for white plugs at dawn.

Remember, there's no sure formula for dawn-dusk fishing. If you've taken fish at dusk, don't quit just because it gets dark. If fish hit at first light, don't quit because the sun came up. Keep in mind the biologists' findings that feeding sprees last about two hours. Very often blues will come in at dusk and vanish as it gets dark. But if they were present, forage was there and less aggressive feeders, stripers and weaks, may move in for an hour or so after dark. In the morning, the reverse is true. Weakfish and stripers may head for the depths, as you feel the warmth of the sun, blues can slam the remaining forage. Try adjusting your lure choices to changes in light. In terms of a spectrum from light to dark, think of tins, bucktails or poppers, then swimming plugs. Reverse the pattern in the morning. It's far from a sure thing but it may up your catch.

True surf nuts are guided by fish behavior, not human behavior. So, get out there at dawn and dusk, enjoy the fishing and beauty of the beaches—and get used to sleepy days and midnight dinners to prove that my puritanical grade school teachers weren't all wrong.

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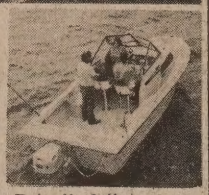

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BLOCK ISLAND'S BOSTON BLUES

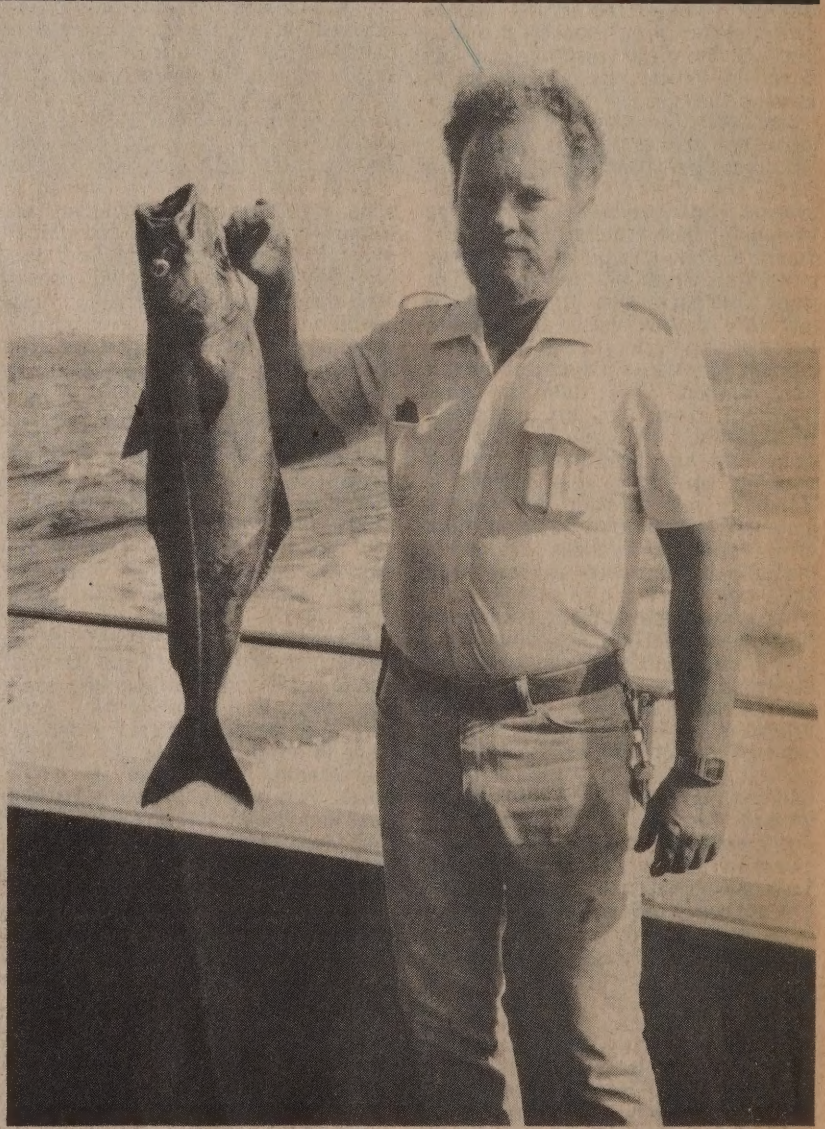
by Gerald Hahn

These hard fighting relatives of the cod give east end open boat anglers a run for their money.

You don't have to travel to Boston or even to Maine to catch pollock, the sportiest members of the cod family. Now that cod are making a comeback, pollock are joining them in the spring and fall at such places as Southwest Ledge and other waters south of Block Island. These fish may not grown to the size of cow cod—most weigh less than 20 lbs. and a 40 lber. would be considered a real trophy, but they fight much harder. So hard, indeed, that they have been dubbed "Boston Blues."

Like most members of the cod family, pollock will eagerly gobble a juicy clam served on a bed of broken shells. Nonetheless, most people prefer catching them like bluefish; that is, with diamond jigs. The jigs used for pollock are somewhat larger than the ones used for blues, 6 to 8 ounces as opposed to 3 and 4 ounces. Moreover, many pollock fishermen favor the three-sided ViKe and Norway jigs to the standard four sided models. These eccentrically curved lures dig deep in swift currents. They come with a large treble hook adorned with a short surge tube in red that is trimmed like a fringed skirt. When fishing for most cod, this arrangement works well; but for the Boston variety of blues, I find that an 8/0 Siwash hook on a barrel swivel is better. For pollock, like bluefish, are perfectly capable of prying a treble out of their jaw, by using the central shaft for leverage against the short prongs. A single hook on a swivel, however, particularly one with a deep bite and a long sharp point, prevents this from happening. Since many three sided jigs already come with a barrel swivel, the open-eye Siwash is easily connected with a pair of pliers. If not, use a pair of large stainless steel split rings and a barrel swivel. A split-tail surgical tube in red may be added to the hook, just as when fishing for blues.

In fact, a typical jigging outfit for blues is effective on pollock. This consists of a 7 to 8 foot conventional rod with a strong tip and a reel comparable to the Penn Jigmaster or the Daiwa 50-H spooled with 40 lb. test. Those fishermen who want to reduce the risk of losing an outsized specimen may resort to a Penn Senator and a 9 foot meatstick.



Open, charter and private boat anglers share in the bonanza at Block.

The diamond jig is tied to the end of the fishing line with an improved clinch knot and a teaser is added above. This hook, an 8/0 O'Shaughnessy adorned with a red surgical tube, is connected directly to a dropper loop on the fishing line about a yard above the jig. More than half the time, pollock will smash the teaser in the belief that a small baitfish is trying to escape from a larger one. For the same reason, some New Englanders I know add a second hook

to the diamond jig. This hook, the same as the tube-covered teaser above, is secured to the front eyelet of the jig with a large split ring. Now pollock have a choice of three hooks, a veritable school of baitfish and at times, they will attack the middle one.

Jigging for pollock is in many respects similar to jigging for blues. Both involve the squidding method, whereby the lure is either cast or simply lowered to the bottom and then quickly retrieved about halfway to the surface. If nothing happens, the lure is dropped back and the process repeated. This method often finds pollock feeding higher up. There are some variations, however. In New England, for example, where fishermen often resort to jigs weighing a pound and where the fishing may be performed in over 200 feet of water, two methods are worth noting for Block Islanders. The first involves casting the lure, whenever possible, ahead of a drifting boat, and then retrieving it a little at a time, with brief pauses along the way. This keeps the lure working near the bottom until it reaches the boat. At this point, the second method goes into effect. Now the rod, not the reel, moves the jig along the bottom. The rod is whipped up and down repeatedly, with sort of a double pump motion which gives the jig an erratic hop. When the typical squidding method fails, try the New England approaches near the bottom.

At times, pollock behave like true codfish. At such times it is best to rig up with bait. An 8/0 beak, Sproat or O'Shaughnessy hook snelled to an 18 inch leader of 50 lb. test is connected to a dropper loop on the fishing line about a yard above the sinker. An end loop below secures a flat-sided or bank sinker weighing 8 to 12 oz. and the rig is complete.

Pollock, like cod, will eat almost anything, but the inevitable skimmer clam seems to be favored everywhere, from Block Island to Boothbay Harbor. Pollock will also eat large sand eels, butterfish, a chunk or strip of mackerel, whiting or herring, a whole squid and almost any fish fry. Secure these baits firmly by impaling them twice, or several times when using skimmers.

Pollock are not as good eating as cod, but they make excellent fish chowder and good fillets when promptly put on ice. Try cooking them English fish 'n chips style with a Japanese twist, by deep frying the fillets in a Tempura batter (available in many supermarkets) and serving them with French Fries.

At Montauk, pollock are taken primarily during the spring and fall runs, from mid-May through early June and again from late November to mid-December. Both the Viking and Marlin fleets have party boats going out for cod and pollock at these times. If you're fond of diamond jigging for blues, their Boston brethren are sure to please. Give this Block Island fishing a try, soon.

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Memorial Day weekend brought out thousands of boats of all sizes, which in some cases, hampered fish catching. With so many baits in the water, a fine sampling of fish was brought aboard: weaks, blues, porgies, fluke in the Peconic and Gardiner's Bays; flounder, fluke, sea bass, blackfish, porgies off Gardiner's Island; flounder, blackfish, sea bass fluke and bluefish in local Montauk waters. Offshore: bluefish, mackerel and blue shark. Looks like a great summer ahead!

The Ron Reskvold party with cod and pollock taken at Montauk aboard the charter boat, "Adios."

MONTAUK

The **Viking Fleet** is fishing locally for cod on Wednesdays, to Cox's Ledge on weekends at the present time. However, beginning in mid June the schedule will include Cox's ledge cod daily, plus daily fluke trips.

Capt. Forsberg described the weekends Georges Banks/Nantucket trip as "unbelieveable!" Sixtyfive fares caught so many cod that they ran out of room for the fillets and went home early, according to Capt. Paul. Some highlights included the pool fish, 63 lbs., caught by Dennis O Donald of New York City: Second place cod of 60 lbs., caught by Manny Medieros of Elizabeth, New Jersey: 3 wolf fish, one of 48 lbs. Capt. Forsberg discovered a new wreck on the way home which appears to contain tons of cod. This wreck, the Meatloaf, will be explored on a furture trip.

Patchogue Fishing Club members Neil Van Ginnoven and George Deitz fished on the **Windy** last Monday for 53 Gardiner's flounder and seven blackfish to 4 lbs. in weight. On Wednesday, Porter Hickes, on an offshore trip, returned with 18 pollock to 32 lbs. and three cod to 35 lbs. Thursday's trip with Hector Ocasio found the pollock a bit slower, however, a few were found along with cod and mackerel. On Friday, since the pollock did not want to bite, Steve Ban Blatt opted for mackerel, with over 250 boated. On Sunday's trip for flounder Capt. Jack Passie fished local Montauk waters: Culloden, Washington Shoals and the bell buoy with Roger Lee, catching 45 flounder and a 4 lb. sea bass. Captain Passie remarked that bluefish are pretty good for this time of year and can be found south of the Point. Mackerel will be pretty solid for the next few weeks.

Captain Mike Albronda fished for Gardiner's flounder last Thursday with Bob cerrta on the **Montauk**. The group had 58 flounder to 2½ lbs. On Friday 39 big cod, top weight 38 lbs. with 7 big pollock and a smattering of bluefish were located south of the Point. Captain Albronda reported lots of bluefish came in south of the Point over the weekend with many fish in the 6 to 10 lb. rnage, mixed with alligator blues. Captain Mike spotted a shark south of the Point and noted the water temperature about 9 miles offshore was 58 degrees.

Captain Michael Potts reported a slowdown in fishing during midweek last week. However, action picked up on Friday when the **Bluefin IV** fished south of Block Island for 17 big pollock in the 30 to 35 lb. range, along with ½ dozen cod and a dozen bluefish with the Sabo group from NYC. Saturday's trip to the CIA Grounds (½ day trip) yielded 3 cod and 25 bluefish, while on Sunday the Pepas charter from Westchester caught 21 cod, most in the 10 to 20 lb. range, with three near 25 lbs. Captain Potts made a drop on his favorite sea bass haunt, catching a couple in the 3 lb. range. Captain Potts was happy wiht the early showing of sea bass and also with the early shark sightings, spotting one swimming south of Block Island and another near the CIA grounds.

Captain Ron Grandinetti fished Block Island Harbor with Ed Savoca from Elmont, where 120 flounder, top weight 2 lbs., took worms and mussels on the **Julie III.**

Captain Chuck Mallinson went sharking with Alex James of Massapequa on the **Joy-Sea** on Sunday. The

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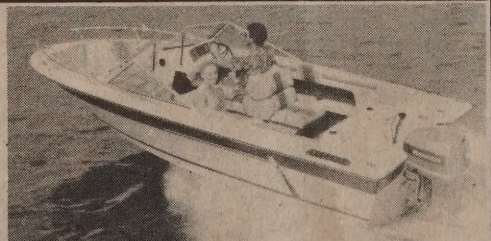

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DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	5:00	5:40	5:40	6:20	5:30	6:10	6:40	7:05	8:25	8:50	8:20	8:50	5:00	5:30	5/30
FRI.	6:00	6:35	6:40	7:10	6:35	7:05	7:35	7:35	9:30	10:50	9:20	9:40	5:55	6:20	5/31
SAT.	6:55	7:25	7:40	8:05	7:30	7:55	8:30	8:45	10:30	10:45	10:15	10:35	6:50	7:15	6/1
SUN.	7:50	8:10	8:35	8:55	8:20	8:45	9:20	9:35	11:30	11:35	11:10	11:25	7:40	8:05	6/2
MON.	8:40	9:00	9:25	9:50	9:15	9:35	10:10	10:25	—	12:25	—	12:05	8:30	8:55	6/3
TUES.	9:25	9:50	10:20	10:40	10:10	10:25	11:05	11:15	12:30	1:15	12:20	12:55	9:20	9:45	6/4
WED.	10:20	10:40	11:10	11:30	11:10	11:20	11:55	—	1:20	2:10	1:10	1:50	10:15	10:35	6/5
THURS.	11:15	11:30	—	12:05	—	12:05	12:10	12:50	2:15	3:10	2:05	2:40	11:05	11:30	6/6

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 5/30	5:29	8:27
FRI. 5/31	5:28	8:28
SAT. 6/1	5:28	8:28
SUN. 6/2	5:27	8:29
MON. 6/3	5:26	8:30
TUE. 6/4	5:25	8:31
WED. 6/5	5:25	8:32

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 5/30	4:17PM	3:13AM
FRI. 5/31	5:35PM	3:40AM
SAT. 6/1	6:55PM	4:10AM
SUN. 6/2	8:15PM	4:46AM
MON. 6/3	9:30PM	5:30AM
TUE. 6/4	10:36PM	6:24AM
WED. 6/5	11:30PM	7:27AM

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	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	2:15	8:20	2:30	8:45
Fri.	3:00	9:05	3:15	9:25
Sat.	3:40	9:55	4:05	10:25
Sun.	4:40	10:50	5:00	11:20
Mon.	5:35	11:45	5:55	—
Tues.	6:35	12:20	7:05	12:55
Wed.	7:40	1:30	8:15	2:00
Thurs.	8:45	2:35	9:20	3:05

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Flounder action was good the beginning of last week on the **King Wayne** when Jay and Jack Greeney caught 82 flounder to 2½ lbs. with blackfish to 5 lbs. fishing at Gardiner's. However, Captain Wayne King felt that in general, it was inconsistent. On Friday, Brooklynite Fred Dilullio and his group fished Block Island for 35 codfish. Fred won the pool with a 30 lb. fish, fishing SE of Block Island on the "30 line." Saturday's group with Lenny Green of New Jersey caught 13 cod at the CIA, then opted for flounder at Gin Beach, Rocky Point and Culloden where 30 flatties were found.

Last Wednesday, on a trip with Marty Ganad of Selden and a couple of friends, we located 48 flounder, top weight 2 lbs. 12 oz. in the Gardiner's area. Marty was very handy with blackfish, catching the five brought onboard.

Captain Bill Ricca fished locally for flounder on the **Alyssa Ann** on Satur-

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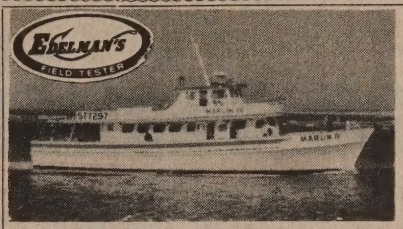

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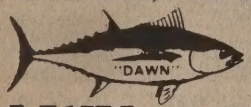

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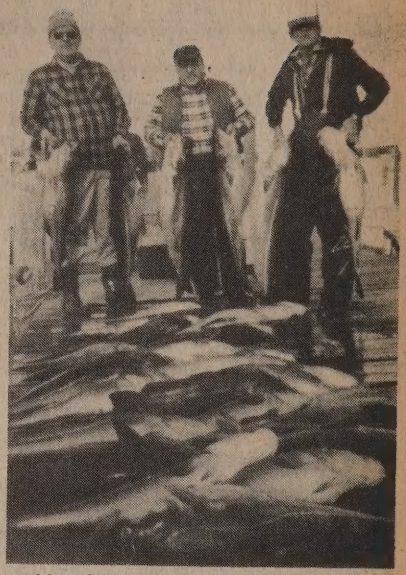

Harold Walters, Tony Loperfido and Jim Bogart with cod, hake and pollock taken on a recent Montauk trip aboard the charter boat, "Joy Sea."

day with Peter Scala, Joseph and Richie Lipschutz, Rick Chiofalo and Bill Sbarra. We caught 45 flounder, the largest almost 3 lbs. caught by Rick. The next day, a group from Capital Fishing, Pete Perez, Jr and Sr and their friend Rudy trekked to Block Island Harbor where 98 flounder from 3/4 to 1¾ lbs. were boated. On the way to the Island, mackerel were spotted, with 250 put into the cooler.

Captain Fritz Hubner of the **Mistress Too** reported plenty of mackerel holding in, with flounder both in local Montauk waters and off Gardiner's Island. Cod and pollock are to be found, however, with inconsistent action. However, last Wednesday, M. Mantia and his friends from the Bronx hit the jackpot, pulling in 41 pollock from 20 to 30 lbs. and 9 cod from 10 to 15 lbs. using diamond jigs and rigs trolled with downriggers.

Captain Mike Bentevegna, Jr. put 500 mackerel into the **Pronto's** fish boxes fishing with Ellen Lamb of Huntington. Ellen had never fished mackerel before and was elated over the catch—and catching! Captain Mike noted that there seems to be tons of sand eels in Montauk waters.

Captain Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** was astounded by the ease in which 12 year old Darren and 10 year old Denise Bemisik were able to reel in double header bluefish on a trip over the weekend. The children are looking forward to trying their newfound skills at tuna this summer. Captain Lewis stated that bluefish have moved in in droves. He heard of a thresher shark spotted in a shark slick over the weekend.

Maureen Sennefelder at **Gone Fishing Marina**, reported that Mike

Contessa fished on the charter boat **Caprice** on Wednesday with Captain Bob Storc. Total catch of 30 flounder included one of 3 lbs. 6 oz.

A variety of fish were brought into the marina over the weekend: on Saturday, Phil Busardo and his crew on the Partnership caught lots of mackerel at the Hooter Buoy at Block Island, along with 50 flounder in the harbor at the Island. On Sunday, 25 cod top weight 40 lbs. were put into the coolers of the "Compromise," fishing Cox's Ledge. The same day, Marge and Dennis Brown took a short, one hour fishing trip to Rocky Point where they caught 12 flounder to 2½ lbs. in that short time. Danny Sciulla caught a 7 lb. blackfish with them. On Monday, Cheryl and Frank Busettel took the "Elizabeth" to Turtle Cove, where they located 3 dozen flounder, the largest 4 lbs., caught by Cheryl. Bait was clams; chum-clam belly.

Henry Uihlein of **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** described the fishing as "excellent" over the weekend. Fluke and sea bass were found in the North Rips; blackfish to 8 lbs. at Culloden (where the fish broke the rod and had to be handlined); big flounder at Tobaccolot, Culloden and Rocky Point and Gin Beach.

Both the **Little Bear** and **Flying Cloud** were fishing a 20-30 minute ride from the dock for very good flounder fishing. Both boats will be on top of this good fishing until the end of June. **Flying Cloud** sails two half day trips daily, the while the **Little Bear** puts in a full day.

SOUTH FORK

Night trips on the **Wilhelric** are generally red hot, although this past weekend was a little picky because of all the boat traffic created by the major holiday. Each trip is producing 15-25 weakfish with the pool fish generally near or at 13 lbs. Several hundred bluefish per trip are adding to the catch. Gardiner's flounder trips were really good this past week, since finally the winds were down. Capt. Lach feels that Gardiner's flounder still show very good potential, with good fishermen on his boat catching 20 to 30 fish per man, with "lazy anglers" managing 6 or so. These flounder must be worked on, with the rod constantly in motion.

The **Wilhelric** will continue on its present shedule of weakfish at night Wed., Friday, and Sat., flounder daily, at least through the beginning of June. Watch for the changeover to porgies and fluke.

Chris Salb at **Bayview Marine & Tackle** in **Sag Harbor** feels that flounder are making their last stand at Cedar Point, since both sizes and number in catches have decreased this week: average size just about 1 lb., average catch about 40 per boat. A few porgies have shown up, with on rental skiff returning to the fishing station with a catch of 40 made at Mashomack Point (Shelter Island) over the weekend. Both bluefish and weakfish have been taken at the west side of South Ferry, Noyac Bay, Jessups Neck (at Buoy 17), and near Buoy 14 at Paradise Point. Best results have been on diamond jigs or drifting jelly worms tipped with locally caught squid. At Mashomack Point, however, best results with

Six-year-old John Mangano with a 20 lb. cod he caught at Montauk aboard his dad's boat, Good Shepard.

Members of the D'Andrea party with a nice catch of cod and several pollock caught aboard the Montauk charter boat, "Blue Fin IV."

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During stormy weather last Tuesday, while fishing with friends at Jessups, we boated a few dozen bluefish in the 5-7 lb. range, working them off the bottom with diamond jigs. Oldtimers have revealed that during the next few weeks, best blue/weakfishing should be at night, using chum and lights.

Larry Mangarillo had the busiest weekend of the season at **Corr's Mariners Cove** in **Hampton Bays**. Excellent fishing prevailed, no one came home unhappy with their catch. Lots of weaks, fluke, blues were taken by private and rental craft. Fluke are still concentrated just off the gas dock at the marina, with catches from 15-38 per boat of fish from 1½ to 2 lbs. Bluefish have been caught both in the Peconic and Shinnecock Bays, while weaks are in the Peconics. Larry suggests calling to reserve rental skiffs for the weekend, so you won't be disappointed. Reservations should also be made for using the boat ramp since it is still partially under reconstruction.

Because of a good early start on the fluke, the open boat **Jenny Rose** will be fluking this week, with porgies and weaks scheduled for the weekend in the Peconics. Rosemarie Malone informed me that the first ocean wreck trip is scheduled for June 6th. Call for sailing time and wreck schedule.

Fred, speaking for **Allenkirch & Son** in **Hampton Bays** felt that the heavy boat traffic over the holiday weekend inhibited fish catches. However, before the weekend, on Thursday and Friday 2-3 weakfish per boat were caught in the South Race. Outgoing tide was best: fish ranged from 5-10 lbs., day or night equally good. Lots of fluke in the Shinnecock Canal, however, check for shorts. Remember, fluke must measure at least 14 inches to be kept. Small blues (2-5 lbs.) have come into the canal. Offshore, 8 blue sharks were caught by Adam Kybal and his crew on the "Tiger Lily" fishing approximately 40 miles southeast of Shinnecock Inlet.

South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Bluefish became a dominant force on the local fishing front this past week and were the highlight of the long weekend for many boatmen. Flounder action remained good although in Great South Bay, its days are numbered. Fluke got little attention in Moriches Bay while reports to the east range from just a few fish to upwards of a couple of dozen. Weakfishing made a turn for the better, particularly for nighttime anglers and the first blue shark of the season is now a matter of record.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Capt. Ron Schleuter of the **Moriches Bay Alma Fleet** reported very good flounder all week and the weekend. The skipper has been working near the west cut of the inlet with catches of 40-50 keepers per man not unusual. Most range between 1 and 1¼ pounds. There are blackfish mixing with the flatties with some better blackfish catches being made at the west jetty and opposite the Coast Guard Station. Wednesday saw the hottest flatfish action with 9 fares accounting for close to 500 flatties. Charlie Nappi celebrated the Memorial Day by copping the pool with a 2.3 pound flattie.

From **L & M Marine**, Larry Dellaire reported very good flounder fishing on Saturday and Sunday but noted that the action tapered off somewhat on Monday. Most of his boats worked opposite the Coast Guard Station and had a fair number of blowfish and blackfish mixed in with their flounder catches. Best catches were being made on the flood tide. On Sunday,

Howard Daderian and Lynn Nickerson teamed to put away 90 flatties between ½ and 1½ pounds as well as one lone fluke fishing near buoy 38.

Andy Hegeman said that flounder fishing held up well for the Holiday weekend. Anglers leaving from his **Seatuck Cove Fishing Station** recorded good scores north of Buoy 42, Havens Point and at the Coast Guard station. Ray Hiruko, Mike Frluckaj and Neville Jacobson returned on Saturday with 88 flatties taken on the last of the flood and the first of the Ebb at Haven's Point. They used mussel chum and sandworms. Fluke are getting started though most of the fish have been shorts. Best early action seems to be from the Elbow to the Inlet.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Fluke have established themselves in both Fire Island and Moriches Inlets according to Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**. Schools of small bluefish occupied trollers and jiggers inside and outside of Fire Island inlet throughout much of the weekend and there was good flounder action reported from several customers who worked from buoys 27 thru 29 in Moriches. On Saturday John and Linda Konz and their 4 children corraled 17 keeper fluke inside Fire Island Inlet. Paul noted that there have been surprisingly good crabbing reports for this early date coming from the local docks. He also reminded that they now have live killies in stock for you fluke fans.

Over at **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, Dave Canale reported looking over a 500 pound catch of bluefish taken in 150' feet of water 160 degrees out of Fire Island Inlet over the weekend. Richard Pokowitz and his crew took the fish, most of which ran from 7-10 pounds, but ranged up to 15 pounds. Dave added that lots of bluefish in the 2-5 pound range clogged the inlet and the waters just outside Fire Island Inlet throughout the weekend. Fluking was worthwhile for many anglers. Among them were Tony and Mary DeVito who put 18 keepers aboard their My Pleasure on Saturday. They drifted squid strips at the Inlet. On Friday, Nick Subano, John Ketcham and Floyd Bauer put away 35 fluke and a 5 pound bluefish while drifting west of the R.M. Bridge. Jim and Mike Dentici drifted killie and squid combos in Fire Island Inlet over the weekend and would have been content with several keeper fluke. Instead, a 12½ pound tiderunner weak grabbed the offer. Speaking of weaks, on Sunday, Charlie Margarita and Jimmy Lynn put 3 weaks from 5 to 10 pounds aboard the Lucky Seven at Ocean Beach.

East Islip Angler's Club member Phil Kornely reported that he spent part of Memorial Day riding herd on Fire Island bluefish. He wound up putting 69 of the 2-3 pound choppers into the fish box of his Sea-Saw.

Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** reported that he has been weighing a couple of big weaks each day, fish mostly in the 9 to 12 pound range. Nearly all have been coming from West Channel and Ocean Beach. Carl noted that the influx of blues has made weakfishing difficult at times but has made plenty of people happy as well. Fluke catches recorded by Carl's customers ranged from lousy to very good with the better scores being made on incoming water at the inlet on sandeel and squid combos. Mike Paulini needed only 2 hours to put 63 blues into the box on Saturday using 007 jigs at the inlet. Most were 2 to 3 pounders. Lots of bigger blues in the 3-5 pound range with an occasional larger were trolled on wire at the NA Buoy. Kismet Reef has been producing some nice blackfish though few people have been bothering and there are porgies and sea bass at buoy 13 and a mixture of porgies and blowfish at buoy 8. On the Fire Island Ocean Reef, Walter Este caught 12 big sea bass on Saturday. He also had a few blackfish mixed in. Carl reminded that beginning this weekend the shop will be opening earlier with a 6AM opening set for weekdays and 5AM for weekends.

Peter Jakits of East Islip landed his weakfish of a lifetime on Saturday morning. Drifting a live bunker near West Island, the hard fishing angler drilled out a 14 pound even tiderunner. The day before, he and his crew put 3

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weaks to 10½ pounds aboard his Rainbow Runner II in West Channel.

Over at **Captree**, Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Capt. Joseph II** reported good fluking and flounder fishing continued through the week and much of the weekend with the exception of Sunday which saw the action taper off somewhat. Best fluke scores were made from the Bridge to the Inlet on the last of the flood and the first of the Ebb. Weakfishing showed some improvement, particularly on Saturday night when 15 fares accounted for 13 big weaks and a mess of blues as well. The skipper reported that a good number of weaks were dropped as well. John Sheibler had 2 fish including the pool winner, a 13½ pound tiderunner. Big Bill and Billy Walsh of Farmingdale finished with 3 weaks and a couple of blues. Jelly and sandworm combos accounted for most of the weaks.

Capt. Fred Laier of the **Captree** charter boat **Eagle** found 15 fluke for the Brian Cottrel party late Friday. With dark, the 6 man party made the switch to weakfish and decked 5 to 10½ pounds. They also dropped quite a few according to the skipper. Jelly and sandworm combos fished in the Lighthouse area turned the trick. Fred added that he will be looking for sharks this upcoming weekend.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** said that most fluke trips see catches range from 4 to 8 keepers per man. Evening weakfishing has seen some improvement with catches of up to 13 fish per trip made this week. Lots of bluefish in the bay have hindered the weakfish action somewhat.

Capt. Marty of the **Captree** based **Jib Fleet** reported fair to good fluking from the Bridge to the Inlet with the best action on incoming water. The skipper figured that two thirds of the fish are keepers on most days with the bigger fish being taken on the flood. Weakfishing has improved and there are plenty of bay blues around to spice the action and sometimes hurt the weakfish catches. A couple of very impressive weaks rounded out this week's trips. On Wednesday evening Herman Shapiro nailed a 13 pound tiderunner only to be outdone on Thursday by Frank Ferrigno who decked one of the season largest weaks a 15 pound 2 ounce tiderunner. Not to be outdone, on Saturday evening, Richie Cruz turned the Boat Basin on its ears when he brought a 41 pound 2 ounce striper to gaff aboard the **Jib VII** during the evening weakfish trip.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the open boat **Captree Queen II** said that fluke fishing was fair over the weekend with 4 to 6 keepers per man about the average. He reported a 50/50 keeper ratio. Weakfishing, while still on the slow side, showed some life with 8 to 12 weaks taken per trip. Nearly all range from 8 to 12 pounds with the largest of the week, a 14½ pounder. Lots of blues now in the bay and inlet with the fish ranging from 1 to 4

pounds.

Capt. Carl Passero of the open boat **Miss Captree** noted that fluking was off to a pretty good start with about a 70 percent keeper ratio on most days. Hi-hooks are usually around the 15 fish mark with most fares taking anywhere from 3 to 10 keepers. Weakfish action was up over last week with 10 weaks taken on Wednesday night and an equal amount dropped. Sunday night saw 10 weaks topped off by a fish close to 15 pounds, in addition to an estimated 200 bluefish. One to five pound blues are well established in the bay and inlet area.

Capt. Richie Westerlind of the **Captree** open boat **Captain Richie** passed along a reminder that he has made the switch from flounder to fluke and he is now sailing daily, 7AM for the summer flatties in addition to three 7PM trips on weekends.

The open boat **Miss Babylon** sailing from Babylon Village Dock will be making the switch to fluke on Saturday, June 1st according to skipper Ralph Green. He will be leaving some good flounder fishing behind but fluking continues to improve. On Friday's trip the Andresen Family bagged 30 flatties before the skipper mixed in some drifts for fluke. Using flounder strips they added 20 keeper fluke to their catch. Best of the fluking is from the bridge to the inlet on the flood tide.

From **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Tom Healy reported the first blue shark of the year for the Babylon Tuna Club and also the first recorded catch for this area. Leo Sotili fishing aboard John Barbero's 'Compromise' whipped a blue that weighed in at 125 pounds. On Sunday, Bob Frakes caught and released a 100 pound blue shark. Both catches took place on the south side of the Compass Rose. Tom reported lots of blues inside the inlet and out with smaller fish averaging 2 pounds inside the inlet and 3-5 pounders with an occasional larger just outside. Dr. Joe Lalia trolled a box of blues both Saturday and Sunday. On Monday, Al Kaich jigged up a load of 3-5 pounders on 007 jigs. Tom added that flounder are still at the Thumb. A few weaks are being picked each tide, some of the better fishing at night and fluke fishing ranges from fair to good. On Saturday 'Big John' worked the Fox Creek area to the tune of a dozen keeper fluke.

Reporting from **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** Mike Andreani reported looking over a catch of 10 fluke and 3 blues made at the inlet by Mark Cocchiola and Mike Franco on Friday. Same day, Frank Willi and Jack and Robbie Mahoney opted for winter flatties behind the Sore Thumb. They put away 68 of them. On Saturday, Donna Piteris nailed a 4½ pound fluke in the inlet area. She and her husband John added several blues as well. On Sunday, Tony Carpintieri took 25 blues just outside the inlet. Blues are being taken by trollers, casters and jiggers at the inlet. Fish range anywhere from

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2 to 5 pounds. For shorecasters, there were several reports of fluke being taken from the beach on the inlet side of Oak Beach.

From **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor** Bob Vitale revealed that there was some very good action with 2 to 6 pound weaks in the Copiague Hole this past weekend. Most were being taken on Hopkins lures. Joe Fucci had 6 on Friday and 14 more on Saturday. On Saturday, Peter Diebold nailed a 7½ pound fluke on a squid strip in West Channel. Ulrich Fiiegel used mackerel chunks to take a mess of blues up to 9½ pounds at the NA Buoy on Memorial Day. Going back to Friday, Fred Walters and crew did a nice job on blackfish near the RM Bridge and rounded out the day by taking a fair number of fluke and blowfish drifting between the bridge and the inlet.

From **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**, Pat McDonald reported a catch of 4 weaks to 11 pounds for Bruce Hastings on the weekend. Bruce fished West Channel. Also on the weekend Bruce Froehlich jigged a box full of blues to 5 pounds just outside the inlet. Fluke are in the State Channel near Fox Creek and there was still some decent flounder fishing off of Bergen and Strong Points. Al Juliano went to 130' of water looking for sharks. He found no sharks but plenty of bluefish.

West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

Fishing seems to have broken wide open this week with plenty of action on several species with lots of people out and catching like crazy over this once in a lifetime three day weekend with wall to wall sunshine. Blues have made a substantial showing and the fluking has been from good to very good while the flounder continue strong. The first blue shark has been caught and some bccs have started.

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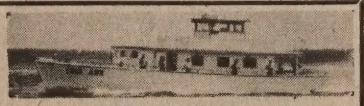

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From **Wanser's Tackle** we hear of good flounder fishing this week but slowing down a bit as the water warms. Worms and mussels have still been working. Fluking was fairly strong right through Sunday with the areas of the Wantagh Bridges and Sloop Channel being best on killies and squid and on sand eels. Most of the fish have been keepers too. A few weaks and blues being caught by the Captree boats.

A call to **Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station** told of excellent catches of flounder on the east and west sides of the 3rd Wantagh, fish to 3 lbs. but lots of them. Top boats were bringing back anywhere from 100 to 125 flatties. One rental came back with 14 keeper fluke taken on the west side of the 3rd Wantagh. Sand eels have been working best. The bay is full of bunker and cocktail blues have been taken AMs and PMs at the Big M.

From **Causeway Tackle** in Wantagh comes word of continued good floundering on bloods and sands. Fluke was excellent on the weekend with one customer taking 40 keepers out of 70 fluke caught on the west side of the Big M. Best flounder now are in the deeps. Plenty of bay blues at the inlets on tin. John Devlin of St. Louis bagged 77 flounder to 2 lbs. fishing in John duck boat Stoehr's boat off the steel pier on incoming water. The steel pier is the wrecked pier between the 2nd and 3rd Wantagh bridges.

We hear from Scott at **Merrick Tackle** of good fluking at the 3rd Wantagh area on squid and sand eels. Swift, Jones inlet and the CG Station have also been good fluke spots with about a 50 percent keeper ratio. Small blues off the beaches to 5 lbs. for trollers and jiggers. The Jones Beach piers have been a good spot for flounder pounders.

Over in Merrick **Garon's Tackle** also knew of increased fluke activity in Reynolds and at the inlet on sand eels and squid with a solid keeper ratio. Snappers outside Jones. Flounder at the Wantagh and Meadow-

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Moving along to the Freeport action, we note that the **Super Spray** on their two trip daily weak schedule has been having very decent fluke catches with a respectable keeper ratio. Sand eels and squid seem to be catching best now.

We hear from **Lou's Fishing Station** of great floundering by nearly all trying for them all through the week. Blackfishing has been so-so at the Cole and Steel wrecks but they have yielded good catches of ling and sea bass. Blues from the inlet to the pink hotel in 20 to 40 feet of water with fish 2 to 4 lbs. with an occasional bruiser. On Saturday Artie Raskin on his boat R Pleasure tagged and released a 75 lb. blue shark and also had 15 bluefish to 9 lbs., all southwest of the HA.

Aboard the **Starstream II** this week a lot of ling to 6 lbs. were taken along with a decent number of 2 to 3 lb. sea bass. Bluefish have taking the pools everyday, going to 8 lbs. The boat is fishing local wrecks, rocks and reefs. Captain Richie asked us to let you know that all tickets have been sold for Saturday, June 8th.

From the **Bluefin Fleet** came word of excellent flounder, fluke, blacks and sea bass catches all week with flounder to 3 lbs., blacks to 8 lbs., and sea bass to 4 lbs. It's the offshore wrecks for the blacks and sea bass. A pool going to Westchester angler

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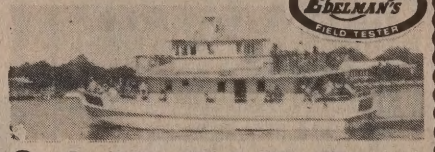

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Dave Lavell. A 3 lb. flounder was caught by Charlie Lizet of Westchester. Jarrad Smith, Bill Borden and Bill James took pools and were high hooks on fluke this week on various trips. Sunday's charter for Parents Without Partners had flounder to 2 lbs. along with mixed fluke, blows and blacks locally.

Aboard the charter boat **Lady J III** this week, Thursday's trip for Datatronics Inc. of NYC fished offshore wrecks and hard bottom picking away at sea bass and small blackfish. Saturday's Trip for Forest INN F/C of Woodhaven had a decent catch of local flounder while on Sunday it was also flounder for the Valley Stream Post Office fishing all through Sloop Channel. Most fish were keepers iwth a couple of biggies. Monday's trip for NY Fish House of Brooklyn led by Jim Porter had super catches of ling on hard bottom and wrecks up to 3½ lbs. and a scattering of blackfish.

A call from the **Capt. Lou Fleet** told of very good to excellent action all week long on the full day and half day boat, aboard the full day boat high hooks were in the 50s to 70s all week. On Memorial Day regular John had 74 flounder, Tom Anetto 63 and Tony Lopel 53.

On the half day boat on Monday AM over 1,000 flatties were caught. Larry Adams of Jamaica had over 35 flounder Tuesday. Rich Spears of Flushing had 82. On Thursday Paul Schweiker and Paul Silverman each approached the 100 fish mark. On Saturday Perry Arthur took the pool with a 3 lber. Captain Mike says that starting June 5th, the **CL III** will also be sailing afternoon trips at 4:30PM.

Thompson's Deli in Baldwin Harbor called to tell of Paul Kurz of Wantagh with 15 flounder from 1 to 2 lbs. plus a 3½ lber. that he caught in Haunts Creek on mussels on a flooding tide. John Kunack and Paul Thompson had a solid catch of keeper fluke also on incoming along with some small blues on flounder belly in Jones Inlet. Flounder have been great said Jan in Swift Creek, south of the bridge on mussels and worms. Some catches of blacks and blows on mussels at the bridges.

Over in Pt. Lookout, the **Captain Al** has been having excellent catches of sea bass with Thursday and Friday being really super days with bass to 4 lbs. and a lot of 1½ to 4 lbs. Fares have had many triple-headers said Al. There have been lots of bluefish around with several of the day's catches this week including over 200 blues. The boat will begin night bluefishing this Friday and Saturday night at 7PM while continuing the present daily schedule for sea bass.

Aboard the **Captain Bill**, Saturday and Sunday saw high hooks from 18 to 25 fish on each trip with low hooks running 5 to 10 flounder. Sand worms have been best all around the slacks. Fish have been averaging 3/4 to 1½ lbs. with a few larger. Roland Guiniti on Sunday AM had 22 flounder, while Richie Murphy of Queens Village had

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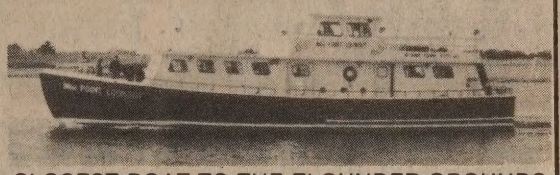

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18 on Saturday AM. Some blacks mixed in at the bridge areas. A 5 year old girl took an $84 pool Monday with a 4 lb. blackfish. The boat will be staying with flounder as they are too good to leave.

Word from the **Miss Point Lookout** was that the flounder appear to be going out in style as they make way for the fluke. All customers had great days this week through Monday. High hooks were in the 30s and 40s every trip and most of the fish have been good sized. Fluke have been showing well everyday and Starting Saturday, June 1 the boat will be switching to fluke on its 2 trip a day schedule.

Tom at **Scotty's Fishing Station** told of an excellent week with most fluke being 15 to 16 inches in Reynolds and Sloop. Small blues on fluke rigs at the inlet. Flounder very good in the Swift Creek and Big M areas along with Middle Bay and buoy 17. Good blackfishing at the Big M on fiddlers. Joe Grosso, Tony Pretakiewicz, Paul Matejod totaled 64 flounder on a flooding tide in Swift Creek, fish 1½ to 2 lbs. on worm and clam Saturday. On Sunday Pete Forgene fishing the Loop bridge area had blacks to 5 lbs. on fiddler, while Dick Simonson and Al Parker bagged 25 flatties at the Big M on sands and clam, both tides. Bob Dimon fishing the Wantagh bridge area had 40 flounder to 2 lb. 3 oz. Lots of bluefish activity to 9 miles out.

We learn from **Ed's Fishing Station** that while blackfishing has slowed, the fluke action has picked up very nicely with catches of up to 50 keepers for Steve Koretz and Mike and Rocco Colluci fishing Reynolds on sand eels and squid. Buoy 20 to Sloop channel and the inlet have been good for fluke on incoming and there's been about a 70 percent keeper ratio. Seventy-five flounder to 2½ lbs. was the count

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Out of Island Park the **Commodore** reported excellent fluking Tuesday through Saturday. Sunday things slowed in the bay with all the boat traffic. The inlets have been good also. Average fluke catches during the week have been 15 to 20 keepers a man from 14½ to 15 inches plus another 1/3 midgets. Riis Park has been producing well too and Clem will be working there when the conditions are right. Remember to bring light conventional gear for these trips. Bluefishing just outside Debs in 35' of water and in the inlet itself has been producing 2 to 5 lbers. on diamonds and umbrellas.

In Lynbrook **Beckmann's Tackle** advised that on Friday PM at West End 2 Mike Saio on an Atom Swimmer took a 20 lb. striper and on Wednesday nailed a 42 lb. bass on a Striker Needlefish. Saturday AM it was 34 keeper fluke out of 55 caught up to 3 lbs. for Steve Haron and George Gilan of Baldwin on their boat Zeus fishing the NW corner of the Big M. flounder have been very good in the state channel, Big M and CG station. Blues at the JI buoy on top hitting trolled single lures in 40' of water.

Word from **Long Beach Sports Marina** is of excellent fluke in Reynolds at buoy 3 and Duck Point averaging 10 to 15 keepers per boat, mostly on white bait. Flounder are still hot with Capts. Felix and Buzz nailing 130 to 2 lbs. at the Cedar Hurst Yacht Club on mussels and bloods Saturday. Blues in the 6 lb.

Brendan Horan shows the 8 lb. blackfish he decked recently aboard the City Island open boat, "Apache."

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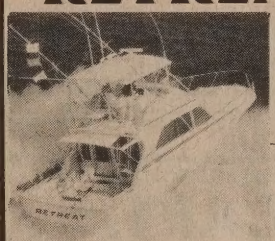

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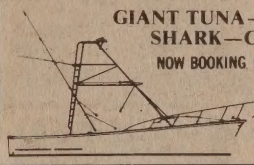

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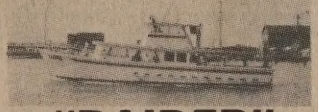

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Over in Atlantic Beach, Capt. Ron Lepper of the charter boat **Kim** who did great on giant tuna at Montauk is now booking for September and October giant tuna trips and says that his policy will be to split the selling price of any giants caught with the charters.

From **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** Al told of good blackfishing at the ABB and the adjacent pilings on fiddlers. Fluke are 90 percent keepers said Al all through Reynolds with best being from buoys 8 to 10 and also Ambrose Tower being hot. Flounder off the Cedar Hurst Yacht Club and the surrounding feeder creeks, fish to 2 lbs. on bloods. Bay blues 2 to 4 lbs. from just outside Debs to 30' of water all along the beach. Out at the 55 foot mark there have been blues to 16 lbs.

NEW YORK BIGHT

From **Skippy's Bait and Tackle in** East Rockaway Skip said the biggest news was the bluefish 2 to 3 lbs. which are all along the beaches and hitting anything you offer with bigger fish at Cholera. Fluke have been making a nice showing all through the bay said Skip. Flounder are moving out with the warming water and are best at the inlets. Some shark evidence around. Some secret bass on the beaches and on the bridges at night on bunker chunks with bccs starting in Bay Park and behind the store and bunker now in the bay.

On Jamaica Bay Artie at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** reports from both North and South Channel bridges lots of 1 to 3 lb. blues are being taken on diamond jigs with tubes. Lots of small stripers at night on worms. A lot of fluke are being taken on live killies and squid, many are keepers. Some flounder continue to be taken also along with a few remaining blackfish.

To the west in Sheepshead Bay Neil at **Stella Maris Tackle** tells of "plenty of fish" fluke all keepers, are being caught off Riis Park and Manhattan Beach on sand eels and squid. Two to 10 lb. bluefish are being taken 3 and 4 at a time at the Tin Can on umbrellas. Flounder and blacks are slowing down with the warming waters and some bass being taken with no details provided by the catchers.

A call from the **Elsie K III** advised that the boat has now switched over to fluking everyday with the skipper seeing an excellent fluke season about to break open.

Word from the **Zephyr** is that while the flounder continued good through the holiday weekend the boat has now switched to full day fluking at customer request.

Captain Al Coley of the **Betty W. III** says he's been having some good catches of blues offshore with a lot of 15 to 18 lbers. caught all on jigs Sunday and Monday. Saturday the boat stayed local and caught a lot of smaller fish. Please note the boat is beginning their night bluefishing for the season Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30PM.

Joining the fluke action starting by the time you read this report will be Capt. Kevin of the open boat **Dorothy B VII**, after wrapping up a hot spring flounder season.

From Capt. Walt of the **Flamingo III** the word is great ling fishing all week long with a fair showing of sea bass and blacks as well, on local wrecks, rocks and reefs. By the weekend the boat may be bluefishing or fluking said the skipper, so please call first.

North Shore REPORT
with Marty Carrell

The best crowds of the spring season turned out for the long Memorial Day weekend and found a mixed bag of late spring and early summer species in warming inshore waters. You name it...they caught it. Traffic did make for some complications and reduced party boat catches toward the end of the holiday.

WESTERN SOUND

"Stupendous" was the word John DiCuffa at **Jack's Bait** used to describe the City Island catches through Sunday. Blackfish and flounder were the species of note but Dave DiLuca, Art Brown, and Duane Brown wound up with a pair of 11 and

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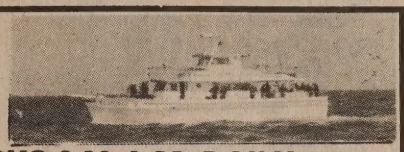

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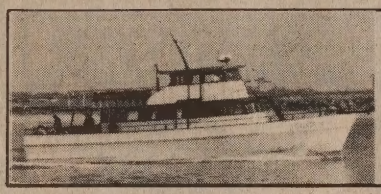

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16 pound stripers. Art Leavy's 10.8 tautog took a fiddler bait off Head & Chicken. The rental fleet was working the Throgs Neck Bridge, and private boats were fishing off Execution and Buoy 27.

Phil Nasi at **Glen Cove Sport** mentioned bluefish in the area as early as May 22nd and had a catch of 6 fish to 8.1 on Rebels and poppers. A 10.2 weakfish and an 11.9 tautog led the shop's hit parade for the week.

Among the party boats, Lloyds, Eatons, and Center Island were the areas of choice for a mixed bag of porgies, blackfish, flounder, sea bass, tommy cod, eels, bergalls, and sea robins. Among the sought after species, the most impressive were a few large tautog up to the 10-pound class and the sea bass found on the deeper slopes. Those who were choosy about their flounder and threw back fish of ½ pound still had 12 flatties or so on good days, said Dom Cerbone of the **Apache**. Total bags on the **Klondike VIII** ran from 5 to 25 fish. Both boats are several weeks away from excursions to the Norwalk Islands.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Billy Collins has moved to a daily schedule for the **Ever Ready** out of Huntington and has been working short bounces from Eatons to the Nissequogue for blackfish and flounder. Picky fishing obtained after Sunday morning with average tautog around 3 pounds and pool winners near 6. Best flounder were in the 1-1½ pound range.

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covered the waterfront in his report. He recommended trolling around Lilco and the Nissequogue for bluefish or working the beaches around Bayville with tins. Marshall Field, Eatons, and Callahans were prime for tautog, and Asharoken and Marshall Field still had sizeable flounder. Scattered fluke were everywhere for bottom fishermen around Sunken Meadow with standard sizes around 15 inches. Bass were in the 19-22 inch range with a rare fish around 10 pounds. Those who still had mackerel on their minds were advised to try fishing through the mornings on the Connecticut side of the Sound. Best fish of the week at **Four Winds** included Rich Schaller's 10.5 tautog and Mark Luciani's 7.8.

The Cedars at **Huntington Prop** weighed an 8 pound blackfish for Charlie Burk and said that Nick Vernola had the best catch of scup so far this season, nearly 40 large fish taken between Mackamha and Callahans. "We needed this weekend", said Bob Cedar on Monday.

Mel at **Greenlawn Sport** liked the fluke fishing around the neck area. He weighed a 4.0 summer flounder for Ms. Paradise over the weekend. Tom Bowman from **Bowman's** described a very fast 2 hours of fishing for himself and his wife from the local beach. They loaded a bucket with tautog, flounder, and fluke to 15 inches. Bowman feels that small bass are especially plentiful and that only weakfish remain in short supply.

The **Caraftis Fishing Station** in **Port Jefferson** said that a few porgies and sea bass were mixed with the tautog off Oldfield and Cranes and that the fluke fishing was extraordinary for this early period. One 7 pounder was weighed and a number of 3-4 pound fish have graced coolers. Tim Caraftis recommended the Pink House and the area inside the buoy along the shoal for drifting.

Bill at the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** spotted a huge catch of 23 fluke by George Dubato who also had a couple of tautog. The best of the fluking was off Whites, Hagermans, and Broadway with flounder still hanging on.

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NORTH FORK

There were "plenty of bluefish" near Flanders Buoy 2 on Peconic Bay according to Ed Kopack at **Warrens**. The standard Peconic troll consisting of a single red surge tube lure worked well on fish to 6 pounds. Phil Loria at **Captain Martys** told us that 3 boats on Sunday had over 100 scup with a few fish weighed over the 3 pound mark. Riding at anchor off Buoy 28 and fishing low hook squid, Pat MacFarlane had the best catch of weakfish (20) all week along with a handful of blues. The best biggest tiderunner was a 12.12 taken from the North Race on a jelly worm. A pleasant surprise has been the large number of blowfish in the area. Catches of 30 per boat have been reported.

Jim Dunkirk at **Port of Egypt** spoke of a picky weekend with a little bit of everything. The Brickyard had some weakfish and drifting around Buoy 14 and 16 was advised for fluke with Jessups probably the best bet for bluefish. Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** weighed some big fluke during the week taken from East Marion and the bay to the west. Fish of 4, 5, 7½, and 9 pounds were reported. White also cited the large numbers of blowfish in inshore areas.

On the Sound, Liz Caraftis of the **Mattituck Fishing Station** said that private boats were doing well off the pipeline for tautog. The best catch of fluke at the station on Friday had a 5 pounder included. The **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** suggested Hortons for fluke and weighed one 9 pound tautog from the pipeline. Flounder were small and on the wane.

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Rod DeLisle called to say that Lesley Ann Adamo's 3.14 flounder taken aboard the **Prowler** had taken the lead in the Greenport Flounder Tournament. A number of boats concurred that Gardiner's flatfishing had been very good on Friday and Saturday. Clark Bellows of the **Prime Time III** explained that average sizes were in the 1¼-1½ pound range with pool fish running up to 2¾ pounds. Usually 10-12 tautog were mixed in with the flounder catch. John Rainis' **Blue Albatross** and Tony Loperfido's **Fishalot** were working a pod of snowshoes late last week and found a few fish over 4 pounds. On Sunday nearly 40 big sea flounder were hauled aboard, but Monday was not as good. Rainis pleased with the numbers of 1½ to 2 pound flounder now showing in the Orient area, and he plans to stay with the winter flounder for awhile.

Larry Porter of the **Brand X** said that the porgy fishing was starting to look really good in the bay with many fish in the 1½ to 2 pound class. Sea bass to 1½ pounds were mixed in. The big boat has been loading up on bluefish at night, according to Larry and Richie Jensen, so the schedule calls for another couple of weeks of night fishing. Catches are measured in the hundreds, with blues ranging up to 6 pounds. Friday's by-catch included 30 weakfish, and Saturday night's bag included 5 fluke to 9½ pounds!

Richie Jensen was also happy with some of the daytime charters on the **Nancy Ann**. Pete Agnew's 9-person charter on Friday had 33 weakfish on light tackle and dropped alot of fish as well. Sunday's trip accounted for 146 flounder.

Surf REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

The influx of small blues into South Shore inlets, a normal occurance this time of the year, but one that failed to materialize last season, provided many surfmen with early blitzes over the long Memorial Day weekend.

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Billy and Kathie Eckhoff with 19 flounder caught from the beach in Glen Cove on mussels. Subscriber photo.

Also, a couple of hefty stripers lent promise to a developing 'spring run' out at Montauk.

Speaking from **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in **Montauk**, Johnny Kronuch reported that Patchogue Fishing Club Member, Gary Hall beached a 40 pound striper on a yellow darter at the Point Saturday night. Stuart Heath closed out the long weekend by beaching a 44.12 pound cow on Jones Reef Monday night. Also on Monday night, Fred Perry clicked with a 28 pounder. John noted that lots of small stripers, most shorts, are being taken around the Point during evening hours on poppers and tins. Needlefish plugs are accounting for most of the fish being taken after dark.

Not all of the fish taken from South Shore inlets over the weekend were blue. According to Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, Joe Urso managed to sneak an 11.12 pound weakfish from amidst a horde of blues inside Fire Island Inlet Monday morning. Joe was teamed with Pete Giacalone and John Schauer. All loaded up with blues in the 2 pounds class using Ava 17s with a white tail. Joe's weak fell for a Hopkins. The trio reported a wild scene at the tip of the Cedar Bar as blues gorged themselves on sandeels in the white water. There was another very impressive weak taken from the same inlet on a night tide last week. Scott Smith stopped to weigh a gutted weak which still tipped the scales at 13 pounds. Aside from all the bluefish action in Fire Island Inlet, Paul reported that the same Joe Urso spent part of Saturday doing a job on the small blues from the West Jetty at Shinnecock Inlet. Up on the North Shore, another Patchogue Fishing Club member has been working over school bass on a regular basis. OzzieVonHelmond checked in his two

best fish at 10.1 and 10.8 pounds. Both were taken on Hellcats. Another caster reported taking nearly 50 shorts in one session fishing a private beach in the Port Jeff area. Paul reminded that he now has a complete selection of Musso Super Strike plugs in stock, including a full line of Needlefish plugs.

Dave Canale of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** slipped out of the shop long enough to score with weaks of 9½ and 12 pounds working the back side of Fire Island Inlet Friday night. He also caught and released a 20" striper on the same leadhead/-jellyworm combo that he used for the weaks. Dave relayed word that casters had a ball through much of the weekend at Democrat Point with blues in the 2-5 pound range. Most of those were at the lower end of the scale. Friday evening saw Al Cross take 16 blues on Hopkins casting alongside the Sore Thumb.

Tom Healy, who mans the counter at **Augie's Tackle** in **Babylon** scored with bass of 25 and 20 inches at a North Shore beach Friday night. Both were taken on droppers.

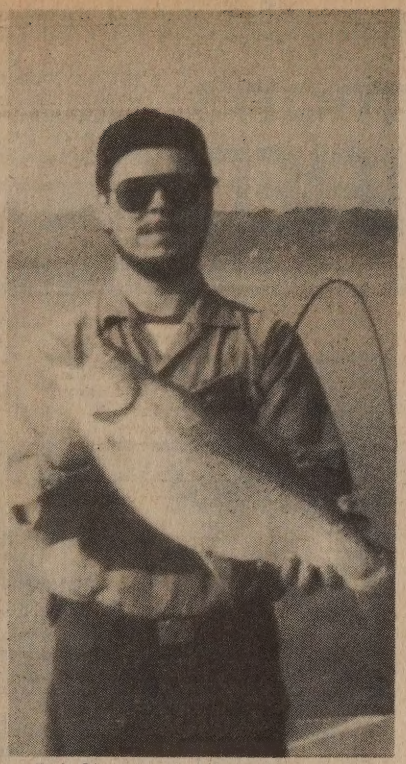
East End Surf Club member Glen Just reported plenty of small bass spread along North Fork beaches along with an occasional weakfish. He added that this past week saw the first showing of some decent size stripers (10-15 pounds) in this area. He reported that on Monday Shinnecock Inlet was alive with small blues.

Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

A good week for freshwater anglers with bass, panfish, trout, and pickerel all cooperative. The season seems to be slowly rounding into summer form and heavy weed cover on some lakes is beginning to be a slight problem. The largemouth bass season officially opens Saturday, June 1st.

From **Beckman's Bait and Tackle** in **Lynbrook**, Bill Beckman reported that trout fishing was fantastic on the Connetquot River Friday. Lots of rainbows in the 1-2 lb. range were taken on muddler minnow streamers and white wolf dry flies. Closer to the shop, fishermen have been having a ball with small bass in Grant Park. Some anglers have even been fooling around with fly fishing gear here and have done well using black ants and other dry flies. Some 2-3 lb. fish have been mixed in.

Mike Nicolletti of **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in **Wantagh**, assured that the Twin Lakes are still the place to go for pickerel and bass. Lots of pickerel ranging from 14" to 18" in length,



Bob Skow Jr., of East Rockaway with an 8½ lb. brown trout taken from Lake Ontario.

have been hitting killie baits and the bass have mixed in on occasion. A few bass in the 15-18" range have been pulled from the Mill Pond but the weeds have been quickly moving in and will soon put a damper on the fishing in this spot.

The word from Tom at **Augie's Bait and Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, was that trout fishing was a little on the quiet side this week but bass fishing was good in Southards Pond. Tom also said that they weighed in a 14 lb. carp taken on 8 lb. test line from the Carls River by an unidentified angler. The lucky fisherman used a doughball and cheese mixture.

Over at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreani revealed that carp fishing in Babylon's Argyle Lake has been top notch. Joe Lobrano and Big Y have taken several fish in the 15 lb. class floating bread pieces on small hooks. Pickerel and yellow perch are still hot in Southards Pond.

Speaking from **Pine Grove Outfitters**, Fred Kruse relayed word that an oldtimer named Charlie brought in a 6 lb. bass that he found dead in Lake Ronkonkoma. Charlie called the D.E.C. which took information on the fish and estimated its age to be about 10 years. The D.E.C. has also been "electro shocking" the lake this week and Fred feels that a decrease in the number of large bass and pickerel taken over the last few days can be attributed, at least in part, to this process. Catfish and panfish have been responding well to worm baits.

From his office at Connetquot River State Park in Oakdale, Gill Bergen reported that trout fishing was very good through mid week but slowed for the weekend. Lot's of rainbows in the 1-1½ lb. range. Poor Man's Parachute was one of the more productive dry flies used this week.

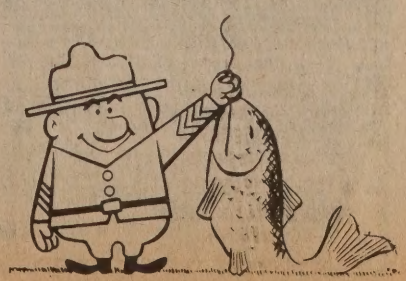
At Caleb Smith State Park on the Nissequogue River, Mike Venuti reported that action was about average with mostly brook trout taken. A 21" rainbow taken from one of the ponds last Friday was the largest fish of the week.

Topping the list of interesting information dolled out by Rod DiGiacomo of **J & R Sports Center** was the report of a 26" tiger muskie caught and released in Lake Ronkonkoma early in the week. Bass fishing has been quite satisfing in Byron Lake and action in Connetquot Park has been fast paced but with few large fish. Three guys stopped by on Sunday to say that together they took forty trout from the river on white millers, cahills, and small terrestrails. Eleven year old Paul Triolo had rainbows of 2.12, 2.4, and 2.1 lbs. from Connetquot on Monday, Memorial Day.

From **J & J Bait and Tackle Shop** in **Patchogue**, John passed on word that he weighed in a 25", 5 lb. pickerel caught by Jerry Ingordo on a killie bait. Tuesday saw a 2 lb. 12 oz. brown trout taken from Swan Lake in Patchogue by Tim Curto on a night crawler bait. John also passed along word that sea run browns are in the local creeks and taking night crawler baits.

George Devlin of the **Fisherman's Deli** in **Riverhead**, said anglers working out of his livery had a pretty good week. On Friday, Claude Woodley and Steve Keloner of Mattituck, combined to take 20 bass from the Peconic River on night crawlers and plastic worms. Tod Lovasico and Mike Malizia got out on Saturday and took 4 pickerel and a bass. The team of Carl Eyester and John Wendt also gave the fish a try on Saturday and they caught 8 bass up to 4 lbs. in Forge Pond on worm baits. George also asked me to remind you that the last day to sign up for the Fisherman's Deli Bass Contest is May 31st., so stop by and get your entry now.

Finally, Dave Romeo gave me a call this week to say that he fished Forge Pond on Saturday and took 17 keeper bass including a 17" fish. Dave also had good luck working Wantagh Lake this week taking several bass up to 15" in length.



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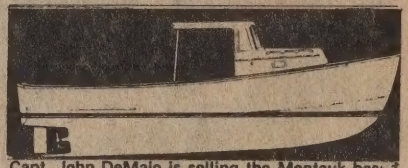

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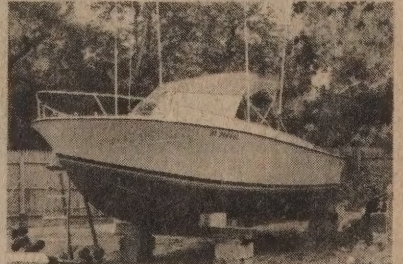

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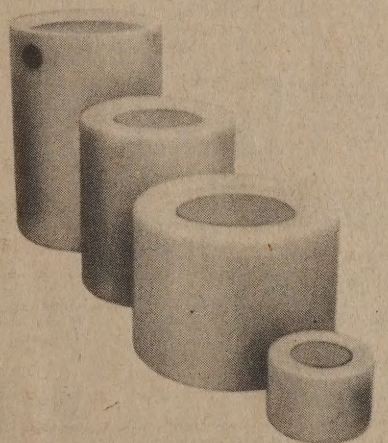

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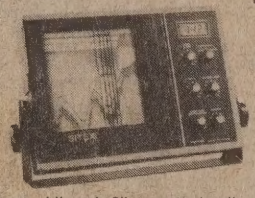
HE 357 MK II Computerized Recorder

Our Best Selling Paper Machine - Check Out These Features!

Simple-To-Operate Keyboard Depth Selector.
Simple-To-Load 4" Paper Cassette (Extra cassette supplied)
9 ranges from 0-20' down to 400'.
Finger-tip scale expansion possible down to 400 ft. Grid line and depth scale print are keyboard controlled. Prints straight-line, white-line, or clean-line (gray-tone). Lighted chart and keyboard. Variable paper speed and electronic marker. Complete with 107KHz 18° transom transducer. (Available with thru-hull - Add $20.)

List $649.00 **Sale $369.00**



HE 301 6" 500 Watt Recorder

If you run offshore this 500 Watt Machine is the answer!

The world's only 6" cassette loading recorder available with or without digital depth readout. 7 depth ranges from 0-12' down to 1200 ft. 500 watts RMS output can be trimmed to 200 watts. Scale expansion and bottom anywhere puts the bottom and fish where you want on the chart. Bottom lock control locks transducer signal to the bottom. Most effective in locating bottom fish. Controls for paper speed, printing density, gain, pulse lengths, event marker, STC. Complete with 200KHz transom transducer. (Available with bronze thru hull - Add $10.)

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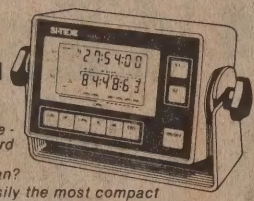
HE 203 Miniature Chart Recorder

A small paper recorder allows center consoles to have superior paper machine results!

3" Inch Cassette Loading - supplied with 4 rolls paper. Compact size replaces most flasher units. 5 keyboard selectable ranges from 0-20' down to 120'. Keyboard selectable scale expansion such as 20'-40', etc. Grid lines and/or depth scales are printed directly on paper. Prints conventional straight line or clean-line (gray-tone). Complete with 107KHz 18° transom transducer. (Available with thru-hull - Add $20.)

List $399.00 **Sale $219.95**



EZ-7 LORAN C

At this Shane's Price - can you afford NOT to own a Loran?

Easily the most compact and simplest operating Loran in the world!

9 waypoint memory. Audible proximity alarm. Positions displayed in both T.D.'s or Lat/Lon. Built-in ComPuNav course computer provides three selectable steering displays including cross track error, time, distance and bearing to go. Boat's heading. Course and speed made good. Three pre-set notch filters. NMEA-0182 Data output. Complete with antenna coupler.

List $777.00 **Sale $495.00**

797 LORAN C

Si-Tex features and Shane's Price make this our Best Selling Loran!

Even the smallest boats have room the 797 Loran C. Big performance from this small receiver. Ten instant-position memories and 50 waypoints. Automatic waypoint sequencing for up to 10 waypoints. ComPuNav course computer provides three simultaneous displays — cross track error, vessel's heading, course made good, bearing to go, distance to go, time to go, velocity made good, speed over the bottom and elapsed time. Audible alarms for off-course, waypoint arrival and anchor watch. Three pre-set notch filters. Die cast aluminum case. Complete with antenna coupler.

List $1095.00 **Sale $699.95**

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760 LORAN C

Full function Loran C with 5 notch filters. Keyboard entry of ASF corrections and compass variation. 50 waypoint memory plus 8 instant memory positions. Positions displayed in T.D's or Lat/Lon. ComPuNav course computer displays bearing to waypoint, cross track error, distance to go, vessel's heading, time to go, and vessel's speed. Audible proximity and anchor watch alarm. 8 waypoint automatic sequencing.

List $1495.00 **Sale $799.95**

HE 705 Compact Color Sounder

Now YOU can own a commercial fisherman's machine!

Big 10" picture delivers a bright, colorful display of underwater information. Just five simple touch controls makes this the easiest-to-use color sounder. Features like range scale selector to 2000 ft., mid-range scale expansion, bottom anywhere, bottom lock expansion, auto shift bottom tracking, digital depth readouts and split-screen presentation give the operator total flexibility. 500 watt output switchable to 250 or 50 watts. Complete with thru-hull transducer.

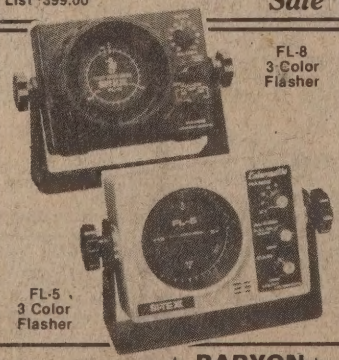
List $1495.00 **$1095.00**

T-100 Bright Scan Radar

Top Quality Radar made affordable!

Daylight viewing BrightScan Radar can be viewed up to eight feet away. Very compact even with its 9" picture. Lightweight and compact radome antenna weighs only 21 lbs. Sharp definition and high resolution of targets over the radar's entire 16 mile range. Variable marker and electronic and electronic bearing line. Complete with 30 ft. antenna cable.

List $1995.00 **Sale $1595.00**



FL-8 3 Color Flasher

FL-5 3 Color Flasher

FL-8 Super Bright 3 Color Flasher

Electronically discriminates return echoes to flash 3 distinct colors. Strong echoes flash red, weaker flash orange or green. 4 ranges 0-30, 0-60 feet or fathoms. Adjustable audible alarm. Impressive 50 watts output. Complete with transom transducer. (Available with bronze thru-hull - Add $10.)

List $279.00 **Sale $174.95**

FL-5 Three Color Flasher

Super Bright 3-Color LED. Displays red for bottom, orange for larger fish, and green for smaller fish. 10 ranges from 0-20 ft. down to 100 fathoms. Audible alarm settable to less than 3 feet. Variable gain control. Complete with transom transducer. (Available with bronze thru-hull - Add $10.)

List $349.00 **Sale $209.95**

SH-2 Super Bright LED Flasher

Slim design allows mounting almost anywhere. Easy to read 3½" scale/5 ranges from 0-30' down to 480'. Variable gain control. Adjustable alarm. Impressive 50 watts output. Complete with transom transducer. (Avail. with bronze thru-hull - Add $10.00)

List $209.00 **Sale $129.95**

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